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PREFACE

TO write the Preface to this Part is to a certain extent to go into the confessional box, after a long attempt to evade its humbling discipline. For, while I have been bravely issuing the previous Parts, I have kept lurking in the background a number of problems in connexion with Johnson's kinsfolk that would not yield their solution, and which I have held back in the hope that evidence would turn up to save me from the admission of defeat. But this is the last Part of the series in which any substantial body of evidence can be presented, and I am compelled now to come out into the open with my record of failures, and plead for mercy on the perhaps inadequate ground that I have done my best.

What the connexion was between Johnson and John Hollyer, of Coventry, who was asked to inquire into the affairs of his fellow-townsmen, their "Cousin Tom"; or between Johnson and the Miss Colliers, of Ashburne, whose cause he took up so generously, I must now regretfully leave it to others to discover, in the hope that the evidence I marshal relative to each of these problems will help someone towards an ultimate solution. Whether Katherine, the wife of Dr. Gerard Skrymsher, was really the sister of Michael Johnson (which involves the question of Johnson's connexion with Thomas Boothby, the great foxhunter), I am no nearer proving directly than I was over thirty years ago, though the inferential evidence points just as conclusively to it now as then. A number of failures in connexion with smaller problems concerning Johnson's family are also recorded here, but they are more irritating to the genealogist anxious to leave no "loose ends" than of any real importance.

While preparing this Part for the press I made an appeal, which was printed in a good many newspapers and periodicals, between May and August 1938, for additions and corrections to all the preceding Parts, so that they could be incorporated

with those here printed. But it brought practically no useful response, and I had no better luck with a detailed appeal in *Notes and Queries*, in which I enumerated many of the principal points still requiring elucidation. I am afraid I cannot regard this as evidence that errors do not exist still in plenty, for I know the impossibility of avoiding them, when information is gleaned from so many sources, when so many hands have a share in its collection, and when its final arrangement, collation and presentation in printed form is the work of one very fallible individual. Nor does it weaken my belief that there are many persons who could add to my store, an they had the will.

Part X., as already explained in the Preface to Part VIII., is to be a straightforward account of Johnson's life down to 1740, in the light of all my researches, and it will also contain completely revised pedigrees, in narrative form, of the Johnson and Ford families. Part XI. will be the consolidated index.

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A FURTHER MISCELLANY

A CONTEMPORARY ACCOUNT OF "PARSON" FORD

To *The Times Literary Supplement* for 16 April, 1938, p. 262, Mr. James M. Osborn contributed a very interesting article entitled "Lord Hailes and Dr. Johnson." In it he described a manuscript in the possession of an American collector, consisting of remarks by Sir David Dalrymple, Lord Hailes, on the third volume of Johnson's *Lives of the Poets*, written after that work was in print. A number of these illustrative and critical remarks he quotes, including what he rightly calls "one of the most interesting anecdotes," as giving us a fresh sidelight on Johnson's gifted cousin, the Rev. Cornelius Ford, who helped to influence the lexicographer's early intellectual development. This anecdote was prompted by Johnson's own reference to Ford in his life of Elijah Fenton, and runs as follows :—

I have been informed by a person who knew *Parson Ford*, for so he was called, that no liquor could fluster him ; & that he would not allow any irreligious conversation in his company. When anything of that nature was uttered, he said, "so you are resolved, I see, to send y^e poor Parson to bed." this Anecdote ought not be forgotten. I mention it without meaning to be the general Apologist of Ford. Dr. J. will know whether I *white-wash*.

It is a curious coincidence that only a day or two before this appeared I had despatched to the same periodical a letter giving in brief an account of a most unexpected discovery I had just made myself regarding the "Parson," which, however, was not inserted until the issue for 6 August (pp. 519-20). This discovery I can now deal with in much more detail, beginning by explaining how it came to be made.

It was while turning over the pages of *The Gentleman's Magazine* for 1731 that in the September number, p. 379, I happened upon the following "poem," as an item under the heading of "Grub-street Journal, Sept. 16. No. 89" :—

Dr J. M—re to Dr J. H—ly greeting.

Dr 'tis strange, that you pretend to cure
 A *sad* disease, which you are forc'd t'endure.
 Were I not free from *worms* that plague the belly,
 I'd ne'er pretend for those a cure to tell ye.
 With all my skill, I ne'er was yet so vain,
 To advertise 'gainst *worms* that haunt the brain :
 Those *worms*, which crawling round your *Dura mater*,
 A POET form'd, HYP DOCTOR, and ORATOR,
 In all these three respects, that proverb's true,
Physician heal thyself, 's, apply'd to you.—
 For all the Town, which thou hast play'd thy farce on,
 Declare thou'st been a very scurvy Parson.
 I leave the World to make a just assizeement
 Of either's parts by either's *Advertisement*.
 And all the Town will own, I'll lay a teaster,
 That this Epistle's better than Queen *Esther*.
 They heavy sense like snail, to rhyme a slave,
 Creeps slow and slimy o'er thy Brother's grave.
 FORD is not dead, but sleepeth : spare his fame, I charge ye,
 One ounce of Mother-Wit is worth a pound of Clergy,
 Did not the joke at last the Clergy hit,
 In both these lines there's not one dram of wit.
 Just so the jointed worm, that from my powder flies,
 Crawls from its Mother-filth, comes forth and stinks and dies.—
 My Powder, which gives rest to worn out Bodies,
 Revives the Spirits of conceited Noddies.
 The natural innate heat extinguish'd rouses,
 Restores the Husband's empire over Spouses ;
 A Purge at proper times I give, and Clyster.
 I'll send the Ingredients wrapp'd in a Register.

Then follows this note :—

N.B. *This Poem contains above 80 lines more, With Notes to shew that most of the Expressions are taken from the Advertisements of the above Gentlemen, in the Daily Post and Daily Journal.*

And there are two footnotes, the first to "Queen Esther" :—
A Poem, written by Mr Henly, and Printed.

while the second is attached to the two italicised lines on Ford :—

This Distich is an Epitaph on the Rev. Mr Ford in the Hyp-Doctor 38. which Mr Mævius in the Grubstreet Journal No. 89. banter'd with the following distich on a Disputation at the Oratory.

Brother H—, thy Piss Pot ?—Answer quick, never falter.
 There 'tis Brother F—, It stands under the altar.

As the Rev. Cornelius Ford died on 22 August 1731 it was obvious that the references were to him, and the next thing was to look up the childish indecent distich last quoted in its original setting, *The Grub-street Journal* for Thursday, 9 September 1731 (Numb. 88, p. 3, col. 1), where it appeared in the following context :—

From the PEGASUS in Grub-street.

We are obliged, upon an extraordinary occasion, to omit this week the Letter from a Member of the Grubean Society in the Elysian Fields ; and to shorten our Article from hence.

The following Epitaph on Mr. Ford, supposed to be made by Mr. H——y, and printed in one of the last weeks Papers was read :

FORD is not dead, but sleepeth ; spare his fame, I charge ye,
One Ounce of Mother-wit is worth a pound of Clergy.

Upon this Mr. MÆVIUS said, he had formerly heard of a Disputation at the O——y between two learned Divines ; and would willingly be informed by the Orator, whether there was most of *Mother-wit* or *Clergy* in it : for which reason he had comprized the whole in two verses.

A Disputation at the O——y.

Brother H—— Thy Piss-pot ? — Answer quick ; never faulter,
There 'tis, Brother F——. It stands under the Altar.

Before proceeding to deal with the main item of the discovery it may be as well to offer a few explanations in regard to *The Grub Street Journal*, and to various points raised by the extracts I have given. The *Journal* was initiated by John Martyn [1699–1768] the botanist. He edited it in conjunction with one Richard Russel,* who wrote as

* Dr. Hillhouse fixes this man (on pp. 42–5) as *Richard Russel*, because his enemies called him “ Dicky,” and editors of rival papers stated that *The Grub Street Journal* was run by John Martyn and Richard Russel, a non-juring clergyman. Eustace Budgell's *Bee* also said Russel was a clergyman, which rules out former identification of the “ Dr. Russel ” of *The Grub Street Journal* with the well-known physician, Richard Russell [d. 1771—see *Dict. Nat. Biog.*], or a less eminent physician of the same names who practised then at Reading. Dr. Hillhouse identifies his particular man as one Richard, son of the Rev. R. Russell, of Dallington, Sussex : he matriculated from University College, Oxford, aged 12, on 9 July 1698, taking his B.A. in 1702 and his M.A. in 1705, becoming Vicar of Alfriston and Selmeaton, in Sussex, in 1710. Contemporaries are quoted saying that Martyn's collaborator was one Parson Russel with a residence in Westminster ; also a preface by Richard Russel to a book in 1719 complaining of what he had lost by having to give up the livings of Alfriston and Selmeaton as a non-juror ; and an edition of *Vida* by Richard Russel, advertised in *The Grub Street Journal* of 1732, some verses in which book are signed, “ *Richardus Russel, Westminsterii, Idibus Maiis, 1732.*” This identification is no doubt perfectly correct, but it might perhaps have been more thoroughly established, especially as Dr. Hillhouse in his preface lays particular stress on the problem being one of the most

"Mævius," and the first issue appeared on 8 January 1730 (*The Grub-Street Journal*, by James T. Hillhouse, Duke University Press, U.S.A., 1928, pp. 3, 40, 44). Number 89, September 1731, contains "A verse letter from 'Worm-Powder' Moore to Henley" (*ibid.*, p. 308), which is, of course, the one partially quoted in the extract I have given from *The Gentleman's Magazine* for the same month. At another reference Dr. Hillhouse alludes to "Dr. Moore, the famous 'worm-powder' quack" (pp. 61-2), but his index does not identify him more closely than as "Dr. Moore." He died, however, on 12 April 1737, and a brutal obituary notice in *The Gentleman's Magazine* for that month (p. 252) defines him a little better :—

Mr. John Moor—of Abchurch-lane, the noted Worm-Doctor. He will now shortly verify Mr Pope's witty Observation, viz.

O ! learned Friend of Abchurch-lane,
Who sets our Intrails free,
Vain is thy Art, thy Powder vain,
Since Worms shall eat ev'n thee.*

important dealt with in his book. In view of Nichols's definite identification of the editor of *Vida* in 1732 with "a Nonjuring Clergyman, who was educated at St. John's college, Cambridge, and kept a boarding-house in Westminster for young scholars whose parents were Nonjurors" (*Literary Anecdotes*, II., 505-6), it seems curious that Dr. Hillhouse should dismiss the stated connexion with that College as a mere error and quite ignore the Richard Russell who really was a member of it. This Richard Russell was admitted to St. John's in 1719, from Hereford Grammar School, son of Hugh Russell of that town. Born at Thruxton, near Hereford, he took his B.A. in 1722-3 and his M.A. in 1728 : he is supposed to have been ordained priest in the diocese of Hereford in 1726, and Rector of St. Devereux, in the same county, from 1733 (Venn's *Alumni Cantabrigienses ; Admissions to St. John's College, Cambridge*, Part III., ed. R. F. Scott, pp. 18, 324). The claims of this cleric should surely have been considered, and, if unsustainable, dismissed ; he should not, under the circumstances, have been entirely ignored. There still seems need to make sure that the various Richard Russells (or Russells) of the time are thoroughly disentangled. Nichols himself made the error of identifying the "Dr. Russel" of *The Grub Street Journal* with the well-known physician already mentioned (*Literary Anecdotes*, III., 638, and index, VII., 362). Dr. Hillhouse concludes his account of Richard Russel thus :—"All else that can be said is that he was living as late as 1746, when he published another work of divinity." He might have told us that the Rev. Mr. Russel, still described as Vicar of Alfriston, Sussex, died 3 Jan. 1756 (*Gent.'s Mag.*, 1756, p. 42). Administration of the estate of Richard Russel, late of St. Clement Danes, Middlesex, clerk, decd., was granted 21 Jan. 1756, in P.C.C., to Juliana Russel, widow, the relict.

* This is the last but one of ten verses addressed by Pope, "To Mr. John Moore, Author of the celebrated Worm-Powder" (*Works of Alexander Pope*, ed. Whitwell Elwin, vol. 4 (1882), pp. 484-5, where a footnote says that Moore is mentioned in *The Spectator*, No. 547).

It may be mentioned that there are but two complete sets of *The Grub Street Journal* known to exist, the British Museum possessing only a number of incomplete files, which, however, supply one another's deficiencies (Hillhouse, preface, p. vi.).

But we are not much concerned with Dr. Moore, or his worm-powders, or with the poem itself except in so far as it enshrines the distich on Cornelius Ford, the source of which the *Gentleman's Magazine* footnote fortunately gave us the means of tracing. *The Hyp-Doctor* had been launched by the famous John Henley [1692-1756], "Orator" Henley, on 15 December 1730, under the auspices of Sir Robert Walpole, as a Whig counterblast to *The Grub Street Journal*, with which it was carrying on a furious battle at this particular time (Hillhouse's *Grub-Street Journal*, p. 121). There is no copy of the number of *The Hyp-Doctor* referred to in the footnote in the British Museum, and it had to be consulted at the Bodleian Library at Oxford. It was a very welcome surprise to me to find that the reference to the wretched distich on Ford disclosed what I had never even hoped ever to find, and that was a letter containing a contemporary biographical sketch of this cleverest and most interesting of all Johnson's kinsfolk. He has always been such a vague figure, the references to him so few and meagre, that it was very difficult to say to what extent his reputation was a mere after reflection from his cousin's prodigious fame. The only known contemporary tributes to him were very brief, the *Gentleman's Magazine* obituary telling us that he was "esteem'd for his polite, agreeable Conversation" (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 159), and the *Historical Register* describing him as "well known to the world for his great wit and abilities" (*ante*, I., 37). Apart from these evidences that he really had enjoyed some kind of independent reputation among the wits of the town, there was no testimony to his ability which did not come either direct from Johnson himself or indirectly from him through Boswell, Hawkins or Mrs. Piozzi. But now we are in a very different position in regard to him, for reference to Henley's periodical revealed, in what follows, something far more important than the mere distich that was the immediate object of the search:—

THE HYP-DOCTOR. By Sir Isaac Ratcliffe, of Elbow-Lane. From TUESDAY August 24, to TUESDAY August 31, 1731. Numb. 38.

[p. 2.]

A LETTER from the Bedford Arms Tavern in the Little Piazza, Covent-Garden, containing some Memoirs of Mr. FORD lately deceas'd, and of the Society there. By a Parishioner of the Little Piazza.

To Sir I. RATCLIFFE, Hyp-Doctor.

SIR,

THE *Genius* of Wit and good Humour has left us, since the Removal of our entertaining Friend and Brother from fragrant *Covent-Garden* to the Rosy Bowers of *Elysium* : if Letters pass in these Days from the Dead to the Living, we may expect to hear from him what agreeable Reception he finds with *Garth* and *Prior*, *Congreve* and *Addison* in those Shades, who was so inseparable an Acquaintance with their Works, in his Life, and was ever desirous to transfuse the Quintessence of them into our Society, as smoothly as you rack off a Bottle into a Decanter.

Mr. FORD's Education was liberal, and his Taste of Conversation genteel, rather addicted to the Tribe of *Gad*, than the Tribe of *Levi*. His Intention probably was to check and convert some wild Youths, whose Fire sometimes might be apt to blaze too freely, by affording them a Cooler in the sight of a Gown and Cassock, in a Persuasion, that the gayest Gentlemen must naturally become more thoughtful, reserv'd, innocent, and virtuous, when a Clergyman, especially in a black Wigg,* is in Company. For that Purpose he chose his ordinary Residence on that Spot, which has been sometimes imagin'd the Centre of *Fair Rosamond's* Labyrinth, the *Piazza* ; that he might the more commodiously propagate from that Centre his Designs of being, according to his Part, serviceable to every Part of the Circumference of this *Metropolis* : and that having the Church of *Covent-Garden* in his Eye, which fronts the *Piazza*, he might carry on his publick-spirited Undertaking with a more Parochial Exactness, and second one grand Affair of every Diocese in *England*.

Mr. FORD was bred up at *Nottingham-School*, under that celebrated Grammarian, Mr. *Johnson*, Author of the Corrections of *Lilly's Grammar* : in that School he made so quick a Proficiency, that he no sooner learnt a *Rule*, but he made an *Exception* serve for an *Example*. He was thence translated

* The significance of the words, "especially in a black Wigg," as applied to a parson at that time, I have been unable to discover with certainty. They seem to imply that the wearing of a black wig by a clergyman then marked him out in some way from his fellows. In response to an enquiry from me, the Director and Secretary of the Victoria and Albert Museum at South Kensington kindly says :—"I am informed by the Officers of the Department of Textiles that no definite study of clerical dress in the 18th. century has ever been made. Powdered wigs did not, however, become at all general for everyday wear until about 1760, and probably in 1731 only bishops and the more fashionable clergy would have worn them. The implication in the words *especially in a black wig* may be that such a clergyman would be straight-laced, old fashioned, or (perhaps ?) low church or Lutheran." This is the explanation suggested by the context, and it is satisfactory to know that it accords with what is known of the history of the wig.

to St. John's College in Cambridge, where his mastery of the Classics, and elegant *Latin* and *English* Style was conspicuous: His Relish never carry'd him to Philosophy, thinking the Flower and Fruit of Sense in witty Writers better than the Stalk, Leaves, and bitter Roots of it, among the pedantic Thrashers of Logic, Ethicks, Physicks, and Metaphysicks. He succeeded well in Verses and Declamations, and was indeed by his Capacity, ready Understanding, good Judgment, and lively Imagination, qualify'd for any learned and valuable Profession, had he been more studious; I doubt, some of his Acquaintance are to answer for his falling a little short in his Character of a Student; he could not resist the Attractives of pleasing Conversation, and perhaps, *that is Study*, and some Men must *Study hard* to be disenchanted from it.

Mr. FORD was transplanted from St. John's to *Peterhouse* in Cambridge, and presented to a Benefice in the County of *Rutland*; but finding Non-residence, Non-preaching, and Pluralities something in Fashion, his establish'd Church was commonly in Town, and he held two or three Chapels of Ease here in *Commendam*.*

It is surprizing, that in his select Sett of Companions, Gentlemen of Rank and Fortune, he met with no Patron that did him the Justice to prefer him: perhaps, they might be apprehensive of losing or spoiling what my Lord *Clarendon* calls, a *Companionable Man*,† in preferring him, or he might be ambitious only of *Cowley's* Wish, *a few Books and Friends*.‡

He was the Son of Dr. FORD, a Physician, who once liv'd in *Staffordshire*, and born to a competent Patrimony. I do not observe a formal Method in my Narration, because Mr. FORD, the Theme of it, was no lover of Forms, except Forms of Prayer, as a Church-man. He was remarkable for defending the Honour and Cause of the Clergy against the Cavils of some Free-thinking Associates. He was endow'd with better Qualities, than some have been pleas'd to allow him, and what Faults he had might be more properly Excrecencies of good Qualities, than Oppositions to them. It is pity that a Man of his *Vivacity* had not that Advantage in another Sense, a *longer Life*.

I am Your constant Reader, And therefore, Your Patient,

S. SAUNTER.

* "Commendam is a benefice or ecclesiastical living which, being void, is commended by the Crown to the care of a clerk until it may be conveniently supplied with a pastor" (*Wharton's Law Lexicon*, 13th ed., 1925, p. 188).

† Edward Hyde [1609-74], the celebrated Earl of Clarendon, at various references rang the changes on this word—"he had a more companionable wit"—"that companionableness in which the Alderman magnifies himself towards his children"—"he had a great companionableness in his nature"—"live companionably with my children." See *Oxford English Dictionary*.

‡ Abraham Cowley [1618-67], "The Wish":—

"May I a small house and large garden have!

And a few friends, and many books, both true."

Mr. FORD's Epitaph.

*Ford is not dead, but sleepeth ; spare his Fame, I charge ye,
One Ounce of Mother-Wit is worth a Pound of Clergy.*

To deal first with the biographical facts, which I regard as the least important part of this sketch, they are generally correct. But his father, Dr. Joseph Ford, practised at Stourbridge, which is not in Staffordshire but Worcestershire (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, pp. 146-51; *ante*, III., 140-46). He was, as stated, "born to a competent Patrimony," though his extravagance dissipated that as well as the fortune of his wife Judith, the elderly Quaker sister of Sir Ambrose Crowley whom he married in 1724 (*ante*, III., 147-49). The statement that he was "bred up at Nottingham-School, under that celebrated Grammarian, Mr. Johnson, Author of the Corrections of Lilly's Grammar,"* and "was thence translated to St. John's College in Cambridge," is quite new to us, and seems rather to conflict with the evidence of the admission register of St. John's, in 1710, which gives his school as Mansfield, in Nottinghamshire, where his master was "Mr. Man" (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 158; *ante*, III., 144). It is difficult to test the truth of the statement, for Richard Johnson himself was rather an elusive person : he was certainly Headmaster of Nottingham Grammar School from 1707 (when he was already a man of fifty) to 1718, but it does not seem to be known whether he came immediately from the "private school in Kensington" he had been keeping in middle life (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*; *Victoria County History of Notts.*, II., 233; *Venn's Alumni Cantabrigienses*). Whether he can have been at Mansfield before going on to Nottingham in 1707, and had Cornelius Ford as his pupil there, it is impossible for me to say, but it does not seem very likely : Cornelius would then be a boy of thirteen only, who we do not even know had yet entered the school. Perhaps Ford himself had been at Nottingham before proceeding to Mansfield. Unfortunately, neither

* Richard Johnson [1657 ?-1721] in 1703 published *A Treatise of the Genders of Latin Nouns, by way of Examination of Lilly's Grammar Rules, commonly called Propria quae maribus. Being a Specimen of Grammatical Commentaries, intended to be published . . . upon the Whole Grammar*; and in 1706 *Grammatical Commentaries; being an Apparatus to a new National Grammar, by way of Animadversion upon the Falsities, Obscurities, Redundancies, and Defects of Lilly's System now in Use; in which also are noticed many Errors of the most eminent Grammarians, both antient and modern*. William Lily [1468 ?-1522] was at this time safely out of the way. See *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

school possesses any of its old records, as I have confirmed by direct inquiry. It is to be remarked that both Richard Johnson and Miles Man [b. *circa* 1665], who is identified as the Headmaster of Mansfield Grammar School, were, like Cornelius Ford himself, members of St. John's College, Cambridge (Venn's *Alumni Cantabrigienses*; *V.C.H. Notts.*, II., 247). It would be interesting to substantiate the statement that Ford was under Richard Johnson, who is described as having been "an uncommonly accurate Latin scholar" (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*).

The further statement that Ford "was transplanted from St. John's to Peterhouse in Cambridge, and presented to a Benefice in the County of Rutland," is again correct. He took his M.A. from Peterhouse in 1720, and he was presented by Philip Dormer, fourth and most celebrated Earl of Chesterfield, to the Rectory of South Luffenham, in Rutland, at the beginning of 1727. Lord Chesterfield, his junior by a year, had been at Trinity Hall, and probably made his acquaintance at the University (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, pp. 159, 161; *ante*, III., 144).

We already had pretty good evidence that Ford spent little if any time on his country living, but we did not know that he paid more than occasional visits to London during the four years of his cure (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, pp. 159, 163, 165, 276; *ante*, III., 151). Now we learn much more definitely that "finding Non-residence, Non-preaching, and Pluralities* something in Fashion, his establish'd Church was commonly in Town," where, it is humorously added, "he held two or three Chapels of Ease in *Commendam*"; and that he ordinarily made his residence in the Piazza, an arcade on the north and east sides of the market place of Covent Garden, and facing Covent Garden Church. It was a fashionable place at that time, when Lady Mary Wortley Montagu had a house there, and the Bedford Coffee House, near the entrance to Covent Garden Theatre, was frequented by Pope and other famous literary figures (Wheatley and Cunningham's *London, Past and Present*, I., 142; III., 83, 85). As the letter embodying the account of Ford is described as being written from the Bedford Arms Tavern, we rather gather that he himself lived there, though he actually died, as we

* Ford is not known to have been a pluralist.

shall see, at the Hummums, also in the Piazza. Evidently he kept open court to the fashionable wits of the day.

Interesting though these additions to our knowledge of the facts of his life are, the greatest value of this new source lies in the character sketch and the extraordinary way in which it confirms all that Johnson has told us, either directly or through his biographers, of his cousin's ideas and qualities. The account of the tremendous emphasis which Ford, in talking to his young cousin, laid upon the value in society of general knowledge, as contrasted with mere highly specialised acquirements (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 160 ; *ante*, III., 150-51), finds full corroboration here. Though an excellent classical and English scholar, "his Relish never carry'd him to Philosophy, thinking the Flower and Fruit of Sense in witty Writers better than the Stalk, Leaves, and bitter Roots of it, among the pedantic Thrashers of Logic, Ethicks, Physicks, and Metaphysicks." And how interesting it is to find the passion and capacity for talk that distinguished Johnson's later years anticipated so long before by his own cousin. "He could not resist the Attractives of pleasing Conversation," and when he drew upon his stores of knowledge for the benefit of those who gathered round him at his lodging in the Piazza that talk came "as smoothly as you rack off a Bottle into a Decanter" — a simile, by the way, peculiarly appropriate to these occasions of intellectual expansion. Evidently to Ford the tavern chair was the throne of human felicity to at least as great an extent as it was with his more famous kinsman. His acquaintance are held partly responsible "for his falling a little short in his Character of a Student," for he "was indeed by his Capacity, ready Understanding, good Judgment, and lively Imagination, qualify'd for any learned and valuable Profession, had he been more studious." How well all this accords with Johnson's remark in his life of Fenton, that Ford's "abilities, instead of furnishing convivial merriment to the voluptuous and dissolute, might have enabled him to excel among the virtuous and the wise," or the impression Mrs. Piozzi gathered of "talents that might have made him conspicuous in literature, and respectable in any profession he could have chosen" (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, pp. 159-60 ; *ante*, III., 150). The temptation to let conversation become the main end of life was almost as strong in Johnson, who

generally needed the spur of poverty to goad him to literary composition.

There is an aspect of this question that deserves some consideration. When invited by his cousin Cornelius, in the autumn of 1725, to stay with him at Pedmore, near Stourbridge, the young Johnson made so great an impression on Ford by his uncommon qualities of mind that the visit was prolonged beyond the time stipulated. He overstayed his holidays from Lichfield Grammar School, and on his return that tremendous disciplinarian, the Rev. John Hunter, refused to have him back. On Ford's recommendation he was transferred to the Grammar School of Stourbridge, where he spent some time as a kind of pupil teacher under the Rev. John Wentworth, probably still keeping in touch with his cousin (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, pp. 147-8, 159-60, 164; *ante*, III., 149-63). May we not wonder whether the influence which Ford deliberately exerted on him at this most impressionable age was not much more profound in its effects than has ever been suspected, and whether those few months spent together in the quiet countryside of Worcestershire did not help to give the younger of the cousins an ambition to perfect himself as a conversationalist that persisted, ever increasingly, through the whole of his after life? There can be no doubt, at least, that Johnson was definitely influenced by Ford's extensive knowledge and his wide experience of life: even forty-five years afterwards he told Mrs. Piozzi how he would have enjoyed an opportunity of revisiting the neighbourhood and "reviewing my conversations with poor Ford."

Another very interesting problem is brought nearer solution by these extracts. There has always been some doubt as to whether the punch-drinking parson in Hogarth's famous "Midnight Modern Conversation," a print published in 1734, represented Ford or Henley, the evidence on the point being rather contradictory. Personally I have always accepted the Ford attribution, for reasons explained, the weightiest one being that it was so accepted by Johnson himself, who knew his cousin intimately and would be a judge of the likeness (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, pp. 166-7; *ante*, III., 144). We now see clearly how the identification came to waver between the two parsons. Hogarth is known to have visited the Bedford Coffee House (*Biographical Anecdotes of William Hogarth*,

John Nichols, 2nd. ed. 1782, p. 13), and he very likely knew them both. It has never been known before that there was any personal intercourse between Ford and Henley, at least after their college days, whereas we now gather that they were in intimate communion in London. Henley, who, like Ford, had Rutland associations, having been educated at Oakham Grammar School, was also like him in being an *alumnus* of St. John's College, Cambridge, which he entered in 1709, only about nine months before Ford himself. In February 1729 Henley, now well in the public eye as a freak preacher, moved his "Oratory" from Newport Market to an upstairs room at the corner of Lincoln's Inn Fields, near Clare Market, where he remained (Nichols's *Leicestershire*, II., 260; Wheatley and Cunningham's *London, Past and Present*, I., 407, II., 595), and Richard Russel's ribald distich suggests that Ford sometimes at least took a part in the proceedings. And as *The Grub Street Journal* states that the "Epitaph" on Ford at the end of the biographical sketch was "supposed to be made by Mr. H——y," we may surmise that the whole letter was from the "Orator's" pen. We know that "Sir Isaac Ratcliffe, of Elbow Lane," to whom it professes to be addressed, was one of the pseudonyms he used, and perhaps "S. Saunter," who professes to sign it, was another.

This evidence of association between Ford and Henley has another Johnsonian repercussion, for Richard Savage was looking forward to numerous interviews with the preacher when in 1729 he moved to near Clare Market, where Savage frequented a Geneva shop of a morning (Wheatley and Cunningham's *London, Past and Present*, I., 407). If these projected talks materialised, Savage may also have met Ford: indeed, without this evidence, it is difficult to believe that two such literary "men-about-town" would not cross one another's path. When Johnson and Savage roamed the town at night, holding high converse, their talk may have included common memories of the brilliant "Parson" whose brief career pointed such a powerful moral.

It is interesting to be told that the authors particularly favoured by Ford, and whose works contributed most to the riches of his conversation, were Garth and Prior, Congreve and Addison. Sir Samuel Garth [1661-1719], whose best known poem, *The Dispensary*, Johnson himself took with him to Oxford in 1728 as an undergraduate

(*ante*, V., 228), had, like Ford, taken his M.A. from Peterhouse ; while Matthew Prior [1664-1721], whose poems Johnson had also taken to Oxford, together with the works of Addison, had preceded him at St. John's.

In reading Henley's account of Ford, if indeed it be Henley's, we must bear in mind that it has an additional authenticity through having been written long before Ford had become "the cousin of Dr. Johnson," who at that time was a completely unknown and unsuccessful young man, trying hard to gain some humble ushership in a provincial grammar school.

Mrs. Piozzi tells us that when Johnson spoke of his cousin, "it was always with tenderness" (perhaps implying more that he refrained from passing judgment upon him), "praising his acquaintance with life and manners." To Boswell he said that he "never saw him but in the country," and that, while admitting his profligacy, he had "never heard he was impious" (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, pp. 160, 165). How well this agrees with his biographer's assurance that "he was remarkable for defending the Honour and Cause of the Clergy against the Cavils of some Free-thinking Associates," and with the statement to Lord Hailes, by one who had known him (quoted at the beginning of this article), that "he would not allow any irreligious conversation in his company." Reading between the lines we can, of course, see plainly that some of the rather unclerical weaknesses of "Parson" Ford are being kindly and even sympathetically excused, but the general impression left confirms Boswell's description of him as "a man in whom both talents and good dispositions were disgraced by licentiousness, but who was a very able judge of what was right" (*ante*, III., 150). His outlook was worldly—he was "rather addicted to the Tribe of *Gad*, than the Tribe of *Levi*"—but all the evidence points to there having been nothing mean or vicious about him, and his influence on Johnson at least was wholly good.

Like the source of the Nile, this biographical sketch of Ford was "there all the time," and it is rather strange that the fact of the footnote in *The Gentleman's Magazine* never having previously caught the eye of anyone sufficiently interested in Johnson to follow up so inviting a clue should enable me to claim it as a "discovery."

If Ford lived at the Bedford Arms Tavern, or Bedford Coffee House, he did not die there, as I have already pointed out, but at the Hummums. Boswell quotes Johnson as saying that his cousin died "at the Hummums" (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 165), and his accuracy as a reporter has once again been vindicated. A search among the contemporary newspapers discovered the following entry of his death in *The Daily Post* for Tuesday, 24 August 1731 :—

LONDON.

On Sunday Morning last died, at the Hummums in Covent-Garden, the Rev. Mr. Ford, well known to the World for his great Wit and Abilities.

An identical notice appears in several other newspapers, and the actual tribute to Ford is in the same words as were later used for the notice in *The Historical Register*, which agrees that the death took place on 22 August (*ante*, I., 37). But in only one paper, *The Daily Advertiser* for Thursday, 26 August 1731, is given the following interesting announcement of the funeral :—

LONDON, August 26.

This Evening the Corpse of the late Reverend and Learned Mr. Ford, who died on Sunday last at the Hummums in Covent-Garden, is to be privately interr'd from thence at Covent-Garden Church in a very decent Manner.

This would seem to settle the question of where he was buried, but unfortunately the printed register of burials at St. Paul's, Covent Garden, does not contain any record of his name. There was a John, son of John Vickers, buried on 24 August, a Charles, son of Richard Giness, on 26 August, and a William Yates on 29 August (*Harleian Soc.*, "Register Section," vol. 36, p. 325). An inspection of the actual register, which was well kept and beautifully written, confirms that Ford's name does not occur.

The Hummums, Covent Garden, was also in the Piazza, on that eastern side of the arcade which was destroyed by fire in 1769, and rebuilt without the arcade. It was at one time a bagnio, but afterwards an actual hotel (Wheatley and Cunningham's *London, Past and Present*, II., 247-8, III., 83), where, in Johnson's words, "people get themselves

cupped" (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 165), that is to say, had their blood let.*

Mr. Cregoe D. P. Nicholson, who is an authority on early newspapers and looked up these entries for me, tells me that he is descended from Anthony Nicholson, of the Inner Temple, one of the trustees under the settlement on the marriage of Johnson's old schoolmaster, the Rev. John Hunter, to his second wife, Lucy Porter, sister to Harry Porter, in 1726 (*ante*, III., 154). Anthony Nicholson, he says, was born at Hornby, Lancs., on 8 August 1687, and baptized 14 August at Melling, son of William Nicholson. He lived in Salisbury Court, Fleet Street, and was appointed a Commissioner in Bankruptcy in 1725, dying at Woodhouse, in Yorkshire, in 1751. No reason appears for his acting in this trusteeship, and the connexion may have been purely professional.

* The *Oxford English Dictionary* quotes Congreve:—"A beau in a bagnio, cupping for a complexion."

THE HARDWICKE FAMILY

IN 1934 the *Staffordshire Parish Register Society* printed the registers of Pattingham, in which parish lies Great Moor, the home of John Hardwicke, who married Johnson's aunt, Mary Ford. In my account of the family in *The Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry* (pp. 185-7) I was not actually able to prove the identity of Johnson's uncle with the Pattingham man, but it was afterwards made clear by the discovery of the marriage of John Hardwick, of Pattingham, yeoman, to Mary Ford, at Curdworth, on 17 Feb. 1702/3 (*ante*, III., 40).

The following extracts from the Pattingham registers help to amplify the pedigree :—

- 1678. Apl. 2. bapt. John, s. of Will. & Ellenor Hardwicke, of More.
- 1704. Apl. 27. bapt. William, s. of John & Mar' Hardwick.
- 1706. Aug. 26. bapt. Sarah, d. of John & Mary Hardwick.
- 1708. Dec. 17. bapt. Thomas, s. of John & Mary Hardwick.
- 1723. June 26. burd. William Hardwick, of the Great Moors.
- 1727. Apl. 13. mard. John Parsons, of Worfield, & Sarah Hardwick, of this p.
- 1731/2. Jan. 6. bapt. John, s. of William & Jane Hardwick.
- 1733. Apl. 10. bapt. Jane, d. of William & Jane Hardwick.
- 1734. May 23. bapt. William, s. of William & Jane Hardwick, of Moors.
- 1735. Oct. 5. burd. William, s. of Will. Hardwick, of the Moors.
- 1740. May 28. burd. William Hardwick.
- 1752. May 12. burd. John Hardwick.
- 1753. June 16. burd. Mary Hardwick.
- 1779. Feb. 5. burd. Thomas Hardwick.

These extracts correct some of the dates as taken by me from Burke's *Landed Gentry*. It is unfortunate that no wills can be found of John Hardwicke and Mary Ford his wife, so we cannot be sure when they died. But the burials of John Hardwicke in 1752 and Mary Hardwicke in 1753 probably give the dates, for no other John or Mary was buried there anywhere near that period.

The registers of Penn, also printed by the *Staffordshire Parish Register Society*, supply the marriage of John and Mary's elder son :—

- 1730. Dec. 11. mard. Mr. William Hardwick, p. Pattingham, & Mrs. Jane Norris, widow, of this par., *lic*.

The second marriage of Sarah Hardwicke, a year or so after the death of John Parsons, is found in the registers of Chelmarsh, printed by the *Shropshire Parish Register Society* :—

1758. Aug. 8. mard. John Gibbons, of Worfield, b., and Sarah Parsons, wid., lic. Wits., Andw. Phillips, Christopher Southern.

The following is an abstract of John Parsons' will :—

JOHN PARSONS, of Ackleton, par. of Worfield, co. Salop. Will dated 20 Dec. 1756. To wife, *Sarah Parsons*, £10, six strikes of malt, six strikes of wheat, six strikes of peas, a flitch of bacon, and a wagon load of coals, together with a chest and box she brought along with her. To son, *John Parsons*, the bed, bedsteads and hangings in the cheese chamber, together with the bed he now lieth on, two pewter dishes of a middle size, and one dozen new trenchers. Also to son *John* and dau. *Sarah*, 40s/- each to buy mourning. Also to son and dau. *Smithyman*, one guinea each. Residue of personal estate to son, *Thomas Parsons*, he paying my debts, legacies and funeral expenses. Signed, *John Parsons*. Wits., *Samuel Fletcher* and *John Barnes*. Proved 2 Aug. 1757, at Lichfield, by *Thomas Parsons*, son of testator and sole exor.

My articles on "Samuel Richardson and His Family Circle," contributed to *Notes and Queries* in 1922-3, included an account of the Bridgen family. In this was given (at 12 Series, XII., 411) an abstract of the will of William Bridgen, of Bridgnorth, esq., dated 29 October 1746, in which he left £10 to Mr. John Parsons, of "Accleton," who, as we see, was the husband of Johnson's first cousin. This William Bridgen was uncle to Edward Bridgen, the London merchant who married Samuel Richardson's daughter Martha, as well as to Elizabeth Law, who in 1723 became the second wife of Johnson's connexion, Gregory Hickman, and must have acted as his hostess when he attended Stourbridge School in 1726, her house adjoining the school (*ibid.*, 12 Series, XII., 446).

I have made considerable efforts to learn more of the descendants of John Hardwicke and Mary Ford, but without success. If Johnson's first cousin, Thomas Hardwicke of Great Moor, born 1708, really "amassed a great fortune," it is strange that I can find no evidence of it. The only Thomas Hardwicke buried at Pattingham after 1727 was he of 5 Feb. 1779, for whom no will can be found. And what of his nephew and heir, John Hardwicke, born 1732, who is said to have

sold Great Moor and left the district with his large heritage (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 186) ?

When I printed in full the will of Sarah, wife of John Gibbons, of Stableford, in the parish of Worfield, made in 1778 (see *Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, pp. 186-7), I was not sure that she was Johnson's cousin. She was evidently in comfortable circumstances, with a blue silk gown, a grey silk gown, a yellow silk gown, a satin gown, and various gold rings. She did not marry John Gibbons till she was fifty-two, and of course had no children by him, but by her first husband, John Parsons, she certainly had two sons, John Parsons, alive in 1756, and Thomas Parsons, alive in 1756 but dead in 1778 ; as well as two daughters, Sarah Parsons, who after 1756 married — Clarke and was alive in 1778 with issue, and Mrs. Smithyman, alive with her husband in 1756. A third daughter, living as Mrs. Slater in 1778, is not mentioned in her father's will of 1756. I have made local enquiry in the hope of tracing their descendants, but again without success.

HUMPHREY HAWKINS'S FAMILY

HAWKINS's complaint, about 1700, that as usher at the Grammar School of Lichfield he had not "a Sallery sufficient for his Maintenance" (*ante*, VIII., 102) may very likely have been provoked by the increased expenses of married life, for Mr. Laithwaite sends me the following extracts from the baptismal register of St. Mary's, indicating that he ceased to be a bachelor at that time :—

1700.	Sept. 12.	bapt. Mary, dau. of Mr. Humph. Hawkins.		
1701/2.	Feb. 2.	bapt. Ann, dau. of Mr. Hump. Hawkins.		
1705.	May 17.	bapt. Sarah, dau. of	"	"
1706/7.	Feb. 1.	bapt. John, son of	"	"
1708.	Nov. 22.	bapt. Bridgatt, dau. of	"	"
1710.	Oct. 9.	bapt. William, son of	"	"
1712.	Sept. 23.	bapt. Barbara, dau. of	"	"
1714.	May 4.	bapt. Charles, son of	"	"
1716.	July 29.	bapt. Jane, dau. of	"	"
1717/18.	Jan. 4.	bapt. Samuel, son of	"	"
1719.	Apl. 15.	bapt. James, son of	"	"
1722.	Apl. 8.	bapt. Margaret, dau. of	"	"

Twelve children, over a period of 22 years, must have proved a heavy tax on the usher's modest stipend, but they do not seem to have impaired his efficiency as a teacher, or to have soured his temper (*ante*, III., 84, 87-8). As clerk of St. Mary's himself from 1712 (*ante*, VIII., 103) he must have entered up the baptisms of six of his own children, Barbara, indeed, the day after his appointment.

THE CAMBDEN FAMILY OF BIRMINGHAM

UNDER the will of John Baker, of Birmingham, short cutler, dated 19 April 1697 and proved 23 July 1697 at Lichfield, he left "To John, Mary, Henry and Elizabeth Cambden, children of Henry Cambden of Birmingham, Cutler, £4 apiece," while Henry Cambden was one of the witnesses ("Records of King Edward's School, Birmingham," ed. W. F. Carter and E. A. B. Barnard, *Dugdale Soc.*, vol. XII., p. 116). The four children are as shown in my pedigree, and in the order of their age (*ante*, V., 268-9).

Henry Cambden, junior, it was who kept the Castle Inn, at Birmingham, until his death in 1728, when his widow took over. In his letter to Cave, of 25 November 1734, Johnson asked to be addressed as at "the Castle in Birmingham," which he evidently made his headquarters at that time. The friendship he then formed with the family was evidenced long after, in August 1777, when he visited Birmingham and "was told that Mrs. Roebuck, who was once Miss Camden, was dead." "I hoped some time to have seen Miss Camden" (*ante*, V., 265-70).

At the same reference I explained that the identity of "Mrs. Roebuck, who was once Miss Camden," remained undisclosed, after considerable efforts to trace it, though I imagined "that she would be nearly related to Johnson's old friend, the landlady of the Castle Inn," and that her husband "would be akin to the celebrated inventor, John Roebuck [1718-94]," who had Birmingham connexions, and lived many years in the town (*ante*, V., 269-70).

The problem has been solved by a pedigree printed since I dealt with it. In this pedigree, which is one of Joseph Hunter's great collection (*Harleian Soc.*, LXXXVIII., 1936, p. 26), the celebrated John Roebuck is shewn as second son of John Roebuck, of Sheffield, merchant, whose third son was

Benjamin Roebuck of Sheffield, merchant; d. at Bath 10 Sep. 1796; he resided at Bath for some years before his death; built Meersbrook; bur. at Weston.

This Benjamin Roebuck's two wives are shewn as follows:—

Elizabeth, 1st wife, dau. of Campden of Birmingham, innkeeper.

Helen, 2nd wife, dau. of Hugh Maxwell of Dalswinton, Dumfriesshire, by Jane, dau. of Sir Chr. Douglas, widow of Capt. Herbert; the mother of the Queensbury family, who d. 16 Jan. 1795. Helen Roebuck d. 24 Sep. 1801.

It is quite clear, therefore, that Johnson's friend was Elizabeth Cambden, born 12 February 1714/15, and baptized at St. Martin's, Birmingham, who in my pedigree appears as the second daughter of mine host of the Castle Inn (*ante*, V., 268). This shews I was wrong in suggesting that the friend "a little older than" Johnson, whose death he lamented in a letter to Mrs. Thrale of 7 August 1777 (*ante*, V., 265), was Mrs. Roebuck, for she was over five years his junior.

Benjamin Roebuck and Elizabeth Cambden had several children who died unmarried, and a daughter Elizabeth, who married Francis Fenton, of Sheffield, merchant, a Lieut.-Colonel of the Sheffield Volunteer Infantry, whose eldest son, Benjamin Roebuck Fenton, married in 1808 (*Harleian Soc.*, LXXXVIII., pp. 26, 62).

Mr. J. P. Lamb, the Chief Librarian of Sheffield, kindly tells me that he does not know of any living descendants of Francis Fenton. The collections under his care give no more information of the family than the sources I have quoted.

The history of Benjamin Roebuck is, however, fairly well known. In 1750 his father John joined him and his brothers Thomas and Ebenezer in partnership as factors and makers of steel (by a deed not yet numbered, recently received into the Wheat Collection), and about the same time John Booth and Samuel Walker joined the firm. After the father's death, by a deed in the same set dated 1753, the three Roebucks separated from Booth and Walker, and carried on business together as general merchants until 1761, when they dissolved partnership and went their several ways, Benjamin in Sheffield and the other two in London. In 1770 Benjamin converted his merchanting house into the first Sheffield bank, and shortly afterwards built Meersbrook House, on the outskirts of Sheffield; this was the first mansion erected in Sheffield by a tradesman. In 1778 the bank was discontinued; it did not crash in any spectacular fashion, and Roebuck never actually went into bankruptcy, but it appears that he may have been involved in his brother John's financial difficulties about this period. Benjamin continued to be one of the Town Trustees (he had been Town Collector in 1753), and retained the premises in Church Street in which he had carried on his bank, but was obliged to sell Meersbrook to John Shore, a rival banker. Benjamin gave up business at a date I have not been able to ascertain and went to live at Bath, where he died in 1796. He had handed

over the business to his son-in-law Francis Fenton, who became bankrupt in 1809.

The dissolution of partnership between the three brothers in 1761 was carried out by a deed numbered 1168 in the Wheat Collection. The other biographical details given above are from a paper by Mr. R. E. Leader, a Sheffield antiquary of repute, on "The Early Sheffield Banks," given to the Sheffield Institute of Bankers in 1917, and preserved among the local pamphlets in the Sheffield Collection.

He adds that there is much material relating to the business dealings of the Roebucks that has not yet been thoroughly explored, especially in the Wheat Collection.

There are no dates in my possession to indicate when the marriage of Benjamin Roebuck to Elizabeth Cambden took place. As he was younger brother to John Roebuck, who was born in 1718, he must have been at least four years younger than Elizabeth, who was born in 1715. John Roebuck married Ann Roe at St. Philip's, Birmingham, in 1747 (*ante*, V., 270), and probably Benjamin's marriage took place about the same time.

By his second marriage Benjamin Roebuck established very different social connexions. Mr. A. Cameron Smith, of Milnhead, Dumfries, an authority on local genealogy, kindly supplies some further details of Helen Maxwell, who he says was the only known child of Hugh Maxwell, third of that family of Dalswinton, who was married on 30 April 1727 to Jane, second daughter of Sir William Douglas, of Kelhead, Dumfriesshire, this Sir William being the grandfather of Sir Charles Douglas, of Kelhead, who, on the death of his distant relative, the fourth Duke of Queensberry, became himself fifth Duke in 1810. Sir William Douglas died 10 October 1733. Hugh Maxwell died at Dalswinton on 12 March 1765, aged 65, and his widow, Jane Douglas, in 1795, as stated by Hunter in his rather ambiguous way. Mr. Cameron Smith knows nothing of Captain Herbert, given by Hunter as the first husband of Jane Douglas.

Here again, in the case of Benjamin Roebuck's second marriage, we have no date to fix when it took place.

Another deed relative to the Moat Barn (*ante*, V., 267), is given at p. 256 of the *Catalogue of the Birmingham Collection, Supplement 1918-1931*, 1931 :—

329270. Agreement between John Cambden of Stockwell, Co. Surrey, gent. (son of Henry Cambden late of Birmingham, knife cutler, deceased) and Elizabeth Houlston of Birmingham, widow, concerning an entry to premises called the "Mote Barn" in Birmingham. 24 June 1721.

PRISCILLA HEBBE

"MRS. PRISCILLA HEBBE" was servant and housekeeper to Johnson's godfather, Richard Wakefield, who by his will of 15 August 1733 left her the choice between a lump sum of £100 and an annuity of £10 (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 227). On 16 June 1732 she bought a prayer-book for a shilling from old Mrs. Johnson, which was transferred to her master (*ante*, III., 56). She was the daughter of John Hebb, a Lichfield innkeeper, as is shewn by the following will :—

JOHN HEBB, of the City of Lichfield, co. Staffs., innholder. Will dated 16 Aug. 1701. Weak in body. To my dau., *Priscillah Hebb*, the sum of £15 at age of 21. To my three sons, *John*, *Thomas* and *Joseph*, each £10 apiece to set them forth to prentice at such times as my extrix. shall think fit. All the rest of my money, debts and household goods to my dear and loving wife, *Anna Hebb*, she to pay debts. To my dear and loving mother, *Priscillah Hebb*, of Coventry, 40s/-, and my loving wife, *Anna Hebb*, to be sole extrix., and my loving friend, *Michael Baker*,* of Lichfield, to be overseer, desiring him to be aiding to my wife. Signed, *John Hebb*. Wits., *Tho: Webb*, *William Webb* and *Goodeth (mark) Pritchett*.† Inventory dated 9 Dec. 1701; total, £46-18-6; appraisers, *Walter Bird* and *William Webb*. Proved 28 Jan. 1701, at Lichfield, by *Anna Hebb*, the extrix.; surety, *Michael Baker*, of Lichfield, yeoman.

No Hebbe occurs in the Lichfield census of 1695, though a Margery Hebbe, widow, was buried at St. Chad's there on 30 June 1695. Perhaps the family came from Coventry, as John Hebbe's mother was living there in 1701.

* Michael Baker, aged 30, with a wife and two children, appears in the Lichfield census of 1695, under Sandford Street, in par. of St. Mary.

† Goodith Pritchett, widow, 40, with a daughter Goodith of 14, appears under Bird Street in the same parish.

THE STORY OF THE MISS COLLIERS

It has long been known, from Johnson's own letters, from letters written by the Rev. William Langley, Headmaster of Ashburne Grammar School,* and from a few diary entries by Boswell and Mrs. Piozzi (with all of which I shall deal in detail later in this article), that Dr. Taylor, the opulent cleric who so often entertained Johnson (his old schoolfellow) at the Mansion in Ashburne, had in his employ a Mr. Flint, who acted as his clerk, and probably managed his minor affairs; that Mr. Flint had married a Mrs. Collier, a widow of some fortune who claimed relationship to Johnson; that Mrs. Collier had two daughters by her first husband; that these daughters, after their mother's death, felt they were wrongly deprived of a share of her estate; that they tried hard for a long time to effect a settlement with Mr. Flint, their stepfather; that they approached Johnson, principally through their common friend, Mr. Langley, for advice and help; that he went to much trouble trying to find out the rights and wrongs of the case; and that he considered that case depended largely if not entirely upon the terms of the will of their grandfather, Mr. Dunn, of which he advised them to get an official copy from Lichfield.

It is my purpose here to tell the whole story, so far as it is now revealed to us, by linking the results of my researches with the various literary extracts, which require to be given in full, as mostly detailed statements not allowing of abbreviation if we are to understand them thoroughly.

The story opens with the following baptism as recorded in the registers of Colwich, near Stafford, where Johnson himself, less than two years later, when tutor to young John Whitby, of Great Haywood, was on a Sunday to listen with such close attention to, and memorise so thoroughly, the vicar's sermons (*ante*, V., 112-113):—

1733. Sept. 22. bapt. Mary, the dau. of John and Mary Dunn of Wolseley. This was the daughter and only child of the Mr. Dunn of the case, and she was destined to become the mother of the two Miss Colliers. Her first marriage, to Thomas Collier, must have taken place about

* For a full account of Langley's connexion with Ashburne Grammar School, see Birkbeck Hill's *Boswell*, rev. Powell, III., 494-6. He held office from 1752 till his death in 1795, in spite of constant quarrels with the authorities, and neglect of his duties.

1750-51, when she was only seventeen or eighteen, but its exact date and place have yet to be discovered. The tale is continued again in the Colwich registers (which were searched, very kindly, by my friend, Dr. Sadler), where her children are recorded :—

- 1751. Sept. 30. bapt. John, the son of Thomas Collyer by Mary his wife of Wolseley & was born the 10th of September.
- 1753. Mch. 1. bapt. Charles, the son of Thomas Collyer by Mary his wife of Wolseley in private and received in full the 10th of Mch. (Buried March 24, 1753).
- 1754. June 1. bapt. Mary, the dau. of Thomas Collyer by Mary his wife of Wolseley in private & received in full y^e 28th of June.
- 1756. Apl. 1. bapt. James, son of Thomas Collier by Mary his wife of Wolseley.
- 1758. Mch. 28. bapt. Sarah, dau. of Thos. and Mary Collyer.
- 1760. Sept. 2. bapt. Sophia, dau. of Thos. & Mary Collyer of Bishton.
- 1762. Oct. 1. burd. James, son of Thomas and Mary Collyer of Bishton.
- 1762. Oct. 8. burd. Sarah, dau. of Thos. & Mary Collyer of Bishton.
- 1764. Nov. 28. burd. John, son of Thos. & Mary Collyer of Bishton.

It will be seen that of the six children born to them only two survived more than a few years, and they were Mary, born in 1754, and Sophia, born in 1760, the heroines of the piece. Between these dates the girls' grandfather Dunn died, leaving an exceedingly long will, of which the following is an abstract :—

JOHN DUNN, of Wolsley Bridge, co. Staffs., innholder. Will dated 29 Jan. 1757. To my nephew, *William Dunn*, now living at Coventry, the house at Woosey Bridge, wherein I now live, and all buildings and lands thereto belonging, as included in the lease which I have under *Sir William Woolsley, Bart.*, subject to the conditions hereinafter mentioned. Also to the said *William Dunn* all my household goods and furniture (except ale, wine and liquors, and such part of the plate and furniture as I have hereinafter disposed of), and 10 tun of hay, 100 strikes of otes, and all the straw, provided always that the said *William Dunn*, within 12 months next after my decease, pay to my exors. £300, to be used to discharge my funeral expenses and just debts, he to give security to them for such payment before entering into possession of said leasehold premises, etc. To my dau., *Mary Collier*, wife of *Thomas Collier*, three of my best silver tankards, silver castors, silver waiter, and the large silver spoons ; also the furniture of one room, as chosen by her. All the rest of my personal estate to my exors., in trust to pay the residue of my debts and funeral expenses, and any surplus to go to my said dau., *Mary Collier*. All my copyhold estate at or near Bishton, co. Staffs., late the estate of my said son-in-law, *Thomas Collier*, and which I have a power to dispose of by my will, unto my said

son-in-law, *Thomas Collier*, for his life, and then to my grandson, *James Collier*, for his life, and from and after his decease to the heirs of his body, and in default of such heirs then to my said dau., *Mary Collier*, her heirs and assigns, for ever. All the rest of my copyhold estate in or near Bishton afsd. (purchased of *William Bates*) to my dau., *Mary Collier*, for life, and then to my grandson, *John Collier*, for life, and then to his heirs; and for default then to my said dau., her heirs, etc. All my freehold messuages, lands and tenements not hereinafter disposed of, being in the co. of Stafford, and in the city and co. of the City of Lichfield, to the *Rev. John Taylor*, of Colton, co. Staffs., clerk, and *Thomas Hoo*, of Barr, co. Staffs., esq.,* in trust to and for the several uses and subject to the provisoes hereinafter mentioned, viz., as for my freehold messuages, lands and tenements at Hill Ridware, co. Staffs. (in occup. of *Nathaniel Browne*), to suffer my said dau., *Mary Collier*, to take the rent and profits for life, and then to the use of my said grandson, *John Collier*, for life, and then to his heirs, and for default then to the use of my said grandson, *James Collier*, for life, and then to his heirs, and for default then to my said dau., *Mary Collier*, and her heirs and assigns for ever, Provided that if the said *John Collier* marry in the lifetime of the said *Mary Collier* then her life estate to cease and said trustees to convey said messuages, etc., to the use of my said grandson, *John Collier*, for life, and then to the use of the wife of the said *John Collier* for life, and then to said trustees for 500 years to raise portions for the younger children of that marriage, and after the determination of the said term to the heirs of the said *John Collier* by such wife, and for want of such issue then to the heirs of the body of the said *John Collier*, and for default to the use of the said *James Collier* for life, and then to his heirs, and in default to the said *Mary Collier*, her heirs and assigns for ever. Provision to be made for setting up said grandson, *John Collier*, as apprentice in trade, or profession, he to have sufficient money for him to set up and follow such trade or profession. As for my freehold estate in the city of Lichfield, the same to go to the use of my said son-in-law, *Thomas Collier*, and *Mary* his wife, for their lives, and then to said *John Collier* for life, and then to the heirs of said *John Collier*, etc. Residue of my said freehold estates upon trust that my trustees permit my said dau., *Mary Collier*, to take the rents for life, and then said trustees to raise, by sale or otherwise of same, £100, and pay same to younger child or children of said *Mary Collier*, and then to use of said grandson, *John Collier*, for life, and then to his heirs, and in default to said *James Collier*, for life, and then to his heirs, and in default to use of said *Mary Collier* and her heirs and assigns for ever. Exors., the said *John Taylor* and *Thomas Hoo*. Wits., *William Warner*, *Geo. Evans* and *John Hicken*.

Codicil dated 24 June 1757. Having taken into consideration the situation of my affairs and circumstances, I revoke every legacy, gift, and bequest to

* *Thomas Hoo* [1719-91], of Great Barr, son of *John Hoo*, of Great Barr (*Shaw's Staffs.*, II.,* 107).

my nephew *Dunn*, and I do in lieu thereof give to the said *William Dunn* £100 only 12 months after my decease, and I do give and devise the said leasehold premises, and the goods and chattels, etc., given by my will to the said *William Dunn*, unto my trustees for the payment of my debts, legacies and funeral expenses, and the surplus if any to the same purposes as the residue of my personal estate is by my said will directed. Wits., *Wm. Warner, Geo. Evans, and John Hicken*. Admon. (with will) granted 28 Sept. 1757, at Lichfield, to *Mary Collier*, the dau. of decd., both exors. having renounced. Sureties, *Thomas Collier*, of Woolsley Bridge, co. Staffs., gent., and *John Whitacre*, of Lichfield, labourer.

John Dunn was not buried at Colwich, and it is not known whence he came. His son-in-law did not survive him very many years, as is shewn by the Colwich register :—

1765. May 7. burd. Thomas Collyer of Bishton, Gent.

He died intestate, but the administration papers of his estate are quite informative :—

Bond of *John Hollier* of Radford of the county and city of Coventry gentleman Administrator of the goods of *Thomas Collier* late of Bishton parish of Colwich gent. decd. during the minority of *Mary* and *Sophia Collier* children of the decd., dated 30 August 1755 (*sic*). Sureties, *John Collier* of Armitage, co. Staff., yeoman, and *William Jackson* of the Close in the City of Lichfield, yeoman. Penalty sum £200.

At Lichfield 30 August 1765 which day appeareth *Mary Collier* spinster and alleged that *Thomas Collier* late of Bishton in the parish of Colwich co. Stafford gent. decd. died some months ago intestate leaving *Mary Collier* his widow and relict who for some time past hath and now doth labour under a lunatick disorder and is incapable of doing any act in law in her own name and that she the said *Mary Collier* is a minor above seven years but under twenty one and that her only sister *Sophia* is under the age of seven years and are both incapable of suing out letters of administration Wherefore she elected and chose her kinsman *John Hollier* of Radford in the county and city of Coventry gentleman her guardian to all intents and purposes but especially to take out letters of administration of the goods of the said *Thomas Collier* deceased Not only during the lunacy of the said *Mary Collier* but also during the minority of the said *Mary* and *Sophia Collier*. And the said *John Hollier* appearing personally, etc., etc. Administration granted to *John Hollier*, kinsman, at Lichfield, on 30 Aug. 1765.

This confirms that *Mary* and *Sophia* were the only surviving children. And it reveals a very curious fact, that the mother, after the death of her first husband, was declared to “labour under a

lunatick disorder," and to be "incapable of doing any act in law in her own name." Yet only twelve months later, as the Ashburne registers shew (and here again I am indebted to Dr. Sadler), she became the wife of the redoubtable Thomas Flint, Dr. Taylor's factotum, who, as the registers also shew, had buried an earlier wife the year before :—

1765. May 6. burd. Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Flint, Ash.

1766. Sept. 2. mard. Thomas Flint, of this par., and Mary Collier, of this par., by lic. Wits., G. Harland and Jno. Langford.

We have no earlier information of Thomas Flint, whose signature as a witness is recognisable in the marriage entry at Ashburne of Paul Hogg, of Ashburne, tanner, to Mary Lomas, also of Ashburne, spinster, on 1 October 1765.

By Mary, the widow of Thomas Collier, Thomas Flint had two children, who were baptized at Ashburne :—

1767. Nov. 25. bapt. Martha, dau. of Thos. & Mary Flint, Ash.

1769. Mch. 28. bapt. Thos., son of Thos. & Mary Flint, Ash.

In the diary record of Johnson's "Journey into North Wales," under 15 July 1774, while staying at Ashburne, he briefly records, "We visited Mr. Flint" (Birkbeck Hill's *Boswell*, rev. Powell, V., 430). Mrs. Thrale is more informative about the visit, in her diary (*Dr. Johnson and Mrs. Thrale*, by A. M. Broadley, 1910, p. 169) :—

In the afternoon Mr. Johnson took me to drink tea with a relation of his, a Mrs. Flint who lives in this town and has a daughter so like my poor Lucy that it brought tears to my eyes. The pretty creature also is strangely tormented with headaches.

Next day, 16 July, Johnson is equally brief, simply entering, "At Dovedale, with Mr. Langley and Mr. Flint" (Birkbeck Hill's *Boswell*, rev. Powell, V., 430), while the lady is again a little less laconic. William Gilpin, a young Oxford graduate, and his friend, John Parker, were there as well as Mr. Langley,

and Mr. Flint, Dr. Taylor's dependent, who went with us instead of the Doctor, who was particularly engaged. These gentlemen waited on Mr. Johnson, Mr. Thrale, my daughter, and myself, who clambered the rocks with real satisfaction, as every step varied the view, and filled my mind with pictures which will not easily be erased (Broadley, p. 170).

Just a year later Johnson is again at Ashburne, and on 13 July 1775 writes to Mrs. Thrale (*Letters of Samuel Johnson*, ed. Birkbeck Hill, I., 349) :—

Mr. Flint's little girl is alive and well, and prating, as I hope yours, my dear Lady, will long continue.

This makes it pretty clear that Martha Flint, now a girl of nearly eight, was the "pretty creature" who had affected Mrs. Thrale so much. Probably the Collier girls, Mrs. Flint's daughters by her first marriage, were already living elsewhere than with their stepfather.

Mrs. Flint did not live much longer. Under date of 27 March 1776 Boswell records (*Boswell Papers*, XI., 204) :—

Mr. Flint, Dr. Taylor's Clerk, whose wife (who had died a little before this time) was a relative of Dr. Johnson's, walked with me, and shewed me Ashburn.

Johnson's curious habit of referring to deaths that had occurred a good while before as if they were quite recent is well illustrated in a letter of his dated 4 September 1777, some eighteen months later, from Ashburne, to Hester Maria Thrale, who had been there with them in 1774 (*The Queeney Letters*, ed. Marquis of Lansdowne, 1934, p. 12) :—

Mr. Langley and his Lady are well, but the Doctor [Taylor] and they are no friends. I know not whether I ever told you that my cousin Mr. Flint's wife is dead.

Mrs. Flint was not buried at Ashburne, and the exact date of her death remains unknown.

There is now a gap of about five years in the story. Mr. Flint remained in Dr. Taylor's employ, and his stepdaughters, the two Miss Colliers, seemed to have stayed on in Ashburne, whether as members of his household or not we cannot be certain. Not until 2 March 1782, when Johnson wrote to Dr. Taylor to announce that he would arrive in Ashburne the following evening (*Johnsonian Miscellanies*, ed. Birkbeck Hill, II., 452), do we hear mention of them again :—

I had a letter last night from Mr. Langley, which I will shew you to morrow ; which will I believe incline you to doubt Mr. Flint's veracity, yet I believe it will be best for the Girls to take the money offered them, but you shall consider it to morrow.

It is clear from this that there had been previous correspondence between them on the subject of the Collier girls and their interest in their mother's estate, and that Mr. Langley was already concerning himself on behalf of these apparently rather friendless young women. Mary Collier, the elder sister and the moving spirit in this fight for a

proper share of the Dunn estate, was now nearly twenty-eight, while Sophia, the younger, had attained her majority about six months before. Probably the fight had been going on for a good while, and it was destined to go on for a good while longer. Extracts from Johnson's letters to Taylor, from London, during the second half of 1782, shew how he continued his efforts on behalf of the unfortunate girls (*Letters of Samuel Johnson*, ed. Birkbeck Hill, II., 262, 263, 264):—

(8 July 1782) If there is any thing I can do for Miss Colliers, let me know. But now you have so kindly engaged in it, I am willing to set myself at ease.*

(22 July 1782) I have heard no more from the Miss Colliers. Now you have engaged on their side, I am less solicitous about them. Be on their side as much as you can, for you know they are friendless.

(4 Aug. 1782) I now direct to Ashbourne, where I suppose you are settled for a-while, and where I beg you to do what you can for the poor Colliers.

More letters may have passed, but the next extant one from Johnson, some seven weeks later, on 21 September 1782, shews that Taylor had recently written to him on the subject in some detail (*ibid.*, II., 269):—

The proposal of Miss Colliers seems to be wild. If I understand it right, they wish that he should lend them money, that they may sue him for the estate.

I hope to let them know that if they send me their Grandfather's will, I will get some opinion upon it.

If they want money to procure it from the registry I will repay you what you advance as far as ten pounds.

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If you would have me write to Mr. Hayley,† about Miss Colliers, let me know. I will do anything for them that is proper.

Instead of getting an official copy of their grandfather's will they produced an old, dilapidated and unattested copy, which they seem to have handed to Dr. Taylor, and it was sent on by coach to London, together with an abstract of the settlement made on the marriage of Mr. Flint to Mrs. Collier, this latter being (Johnson judged) in Mr. Flint's own writing. Any opinion given on the basis of such copies would have had no legal value, as Johnson told Taylor in his next letter, dated 4 October 1782 (*ibid.*, II., 269–70):—

* On 24 June 1782 Johnson had written to Langley expressing similar confidence in Taylor's conduct of the affair; see *post*, p. 36.

† An obvious mis-reading for "Langley."

To help the ignorant commonly requires much patience, for the ignorant are always trying to be cunning. To do business by letters is very difficult, for without the opportunity of verbal questions much information is seldom obtained.

I received, I suppose, by the coach a copy of Dunn's will, and an abstract of Mr. Flint's marriage settlement. By whom they were sent I know not. The copy of the Will is so worn, that it is troublesome to open it, and has no attestation to evince its authenticity. The extract is, I think, in Mr. Flint's own hand, and has not therefore any legal credibility.

What seems to me proper to be done, but you know much better than I, is to take an exemplification of the will from the registry. We are then so far sure. This will I entreat you to send. If it be clear and decisive against the girls, there can be no farther use of it. If you think it doubtful, send it to Mr. Madox, and I will pay the fee.

When the will is despatched, the marriage settlement is to be examined, which if Mr. Flint refuses to shew, he gives such ground of suspicion as will justify a legal compulsion to shew it.

It may perhaps be better that I should appear busy in this matter than you, and if you think it best, I will write to Lichfield that a copy of the will may be sent to you, for I would have you read it. I should be told the year of Mr. Dunn's death.

I think the generosity of Mr. Flint somewhat suspicious. I have however not yet condemned him nor would irritate him too much, for perhaps the girls must at last be content with what he shall give them.

My letter, which you shewed to Miss Collier, she did not understand, but supposed that I charged her with asking money of Mr. Flint, in order to sue him. I only meant that her proposal was to him eventually the same, and was therefore, as I called it, wild.

There is no actual evidence of the "exemplification of the will" having been obtained from Lichfield, either by Johnson or Taylor, and the original will there bears no visible signs of having been inspected or copied before. But Johnson, most generously, had in his previous letter offered to repay any charge for a copy up to ten pounds, and, as will presently appear, the offer was probably taken advantage of. Whether Flint produced the actual marriage settlement for inspection is not certain. It is quite clear that Johnson had his doubts about Mr. Flint and his motives, while Taylor was naturally inclined to favour one who likely enough was an excellent servant. Taylor evidently replied to Johnson's letter, but the philosopher of Bolt Court was old and ailing and found it difficult to give his mind

to the young women's affairs. Not until two months later, on 9 December 1782, does Johnson attack the problem again, rather wearily (*ibid.*, II., 278) :—

Sickness concentrates a man's attention so much in himself, that he thinks little upon the affairs of others. Now I have a little gleam of health, I have the business of the Miss Colliers almost to begin : I do not know what it is that Mr. Flint offers. Make me as much master of the business as you can, yet I am afraid of giving you trouble. I would write to the Miss Colliers if I knew how. Shall I send my letter under cover to you, or to any other person ?

Miss Collier writes well, and can perhaps tell me something of importance. Let me know what I shall do.

Perhaps, after all, the young women were living with their step-father, and this it was which made it difficult to write to them direct without the letters coming to his knowledge. However, Taylor's reply was evidently *pro* Flint and *anti* Collier, so much so that Johnson, in a letter of 31 December 1782, does not conceal his annoyance with his old friend's attitude in the matter (*ibid.*, II., 280) :—

Your last little note was very unsatisfactory. That a silly timorous unskilful Girl has behaved improperly, is a poor reason for refusing to tell me what expectations have been raised by the will, and what questions I must ask the Lawyers, questions which if you do not like to answer them, I must ask elsewhere, and I am unwilling to mingle this affair with any name that you may hear with disgust.

Birkbeck Hill suggests that this last allusion is to Langley, with whom Taylor was on far from good terms. The reference to the will favours the idea that an official copy really had been obtained by now. Johnson's ill-health continued to disturb him in mind as well as in body, but a fortnight or so later, on 16 January 1783, he makes a valiant effort to grapple with the problem, and to allay some of the resentment his remarks had naturally aroused in Taylor (*ibid.*, II., 282) :—

I have for some time been labouring under very great disorder of Body, and distress of Mind. I wish that in our latter days we may give some comfort to each other. Let us at least not be angry, nor suppose each other angry. We have no time to lose in petulance. I beg you not to take amiss that I trouble you once more about the Colliers. I have but you and Mr. Langley to consult, and him I never have consulted, because you dislike him.

I would shew the Lawyers the papers, but that I know not what questions to ask nor can state the case, till I am informed with regard to some particulars.

What do Miss Colliers suppose will be discovered in the writings ?

Had Mr. Flint a son by their Mother ? I think he has. What had he with their Mother ? I think about £200 a year. What do they ask from Mr. Flint ?

What does he offer them ? This you have told me, but my memory is not distinct about it, and I know not how to find your letter. Tell me again.

All that has a bad appearance on Flint's part, is his requisition of a discharge from future claims. If they have no claims, what is the discharge ? Yet this may be only unskilfulness in him.

I think there is no reason to suppose that Mrs. Flint's estate could be settled by her father exclusively upon Collier's children, or that she should be advised at her marriage with Mr. Flint to debar herself from providing for her future children, whatever they might be, in their due proportions.

Do answer this, and add what it is necessary for me to know, and I hope to trouble you no more about it. When I have your answer I will transact with Mr. Flint and Miss Collier ; or with as little trouble to you as I can.

The nature of Taylor's reply we do not know—or indeed that he replied at all, for there is no record of him and Johnson having discussed the matter any further. Perhaps Taylor wiped his hands of the matter in disgust and told Johnson to write direct to Langley. Whatever we may think of Taylor we must recognise that he was being put in a difficult position when asked to take sides against a man long in his own employ. At any rate, within two or three weeks of asking these questions of Taylor, Johnson did write direct to Langley, whose dislike of the all-powerful parson would not make him any less anxious to secure justice for the Miss Colliers, propounding a new series of questions which were to be put by Langley to the young women. And after interviewing them Langley replied to Johnson as follows (*Gentleman's Magazine*, 1878, vol. 243, Dec., pp. 699-700) :—*

* The letters at this reference were contained in a long article by Llewellynn Jewitt [1816-86], the well known Derbyshire antiquary, and founder of *The Reliquary*, entitled "Unpublished Episodes in the Life of Dr. Johnson." It is mostly founded on letters, then in his own possession, between Langley and young William Davenport, who, through Johnson's influence, was received as an apprentice in the printing works of William Strahan in London (*Letters of Samuel Johnson*, ed. Birkbeck Hill, I., 303).

Sir,—I have delayed to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from you last week, longer than may be thought necessary, but I was willing to obtain from the Miss Colliers the most explicit answers to the questions proposed by you respecting them. I have seen Miss Collier twice, who has told me that she apprehended you had been informed by her letters of every material circumstance which relates to her and her sister's present situation. As this answer was vague, and the particulars in her letters perhaps not remembered by you, I have, this eve, desired both of them to give me plain replies to these your questions.

“What do you expect?—With the utmost deference and submission to Dr. Johnson's direction and determination, we hope that we shall not be thought unreasonable or extravagant in our wishes to have a certain sum of money given or secured to us, the interest of which may procure for us a moderate but decent subsistence. We have been educated in no employment or line of business by which we can obtain a maintenance, and hope that, as our parents possessed and left a considerable estate, we shall not be abandoned to indigence and distress.

“To what do you think yourselves entitled?—At the time of our mother's marriage with Mr. Flint, the estate at Bishton was reserved in her power, and intended for our support. This estate was afterwards sold, but we have been informed from one of the trustees of the marriage settlement that there was an engagement given by Mr. Flint that a specified sum of money should be paid to each of us in lieu of this estate, though this engagement, it is said, is not now to be found. Mr. Flint some time ago offered us seventy pounds a year, which we would willingly have accepted if it would have been secured to us and our heirs. We have been since told that he would give us five hundred pounds each, but when I (Mary Collier) was sent for by Dr. Taylor about this last mentioned circumstance, the Dr. told me that he would not advise Mr. Flint to pay us that sum but on condition that we entirely excluded ourselves and our heirs from any future claim or right to any part of our late parents' possessions, though by a clause in the marriage settlement of our late mother it is provided that in case of the death of whatever children she might have by Mr. Flint, and their heirs, the estates which were then in the possession of her and Mr. Flint should revert to us and our heirs. And in default of such our heirs then to remain with Mr. Flint and his heirs for ever. Will Dr. Johnson please to consider if it will be proper or advisable for us to sign such an exclusion, and deprive ourselves or our heirs of the chance of succeeding to the estates by contingent events?

“Upon what do you ground your claims or your hopes?—Our claim is grounded only on what we have answered to the second question. We have no hopes but in the interposition of Dr. Johnson to procure this matter, and what else may regard Mr. Flint and us, to be settled in an amicable, and we are certain, if Dr. Johnson shall please to interfere, it will be an equitable manner.”

These were the replies which they gave to me, and very nearly in their own words. They both desire their most dutiful respects to Dr. Johnson.

The Miss Colliers wish to have this affair settled as soon as possible, as in case of Mr. Flint's alteration of his present state or his death, before it shall be concluded, their situation may be unhappy in a very high degree.

Mrs. L—— joins in most respectful compliments to you with, Sir, your most obedient humble servant,

W. L.

Ashbourne, Feby. 14th, 1783.

I have heard very little of Miss Colliers since I rec'd your letter of the 24th of June last,* in which you say 'that Dr. Taylor has engaged in their affair, and therefore it will be fit to let him act alone.' It certainly might have been settled some months past with equal facility as it is likely to be now or at any time hereafter.

Dr. Johnson, Bolt Court, Fleet Street, London.

The Miss Colliers must certainly have had some right in the estate left by their parents, and their claims do not sound unreasonable, but it is not proposed here to attempt to weigh them up, especially as the all-important marriage settlement is not before us. It was quite natural for Mr. Flint to stipulate that if he compromised by a capital payment he should be secured against any future claim. The only point is whether the sums he proposed were reasonably adequate, and this we cannot say.

Whether Johnson replied to this letter at once is not clear, or whether a further letter from Langley, on 24 February, ten days later, was merely an addendum to it (*ibid.*, 1878, vol. 243, p. 700) :—

Mr. Riddlesden, apothecary and surgeon, who attended Mrs. Flint in her illness, now dictates to me that a few days before the death of Mrs. Flint she declared to him, pressing his hand with earnestness, that there was a writing drawn and signed in which was specified a sum of money to be given to her two daughters which she had by her former husband (the sum was not mentioned to Mr. Riddlesden), and that Mr. Flint, her then husband, by many persuasions and importunities had prevailed upon her to deliver up that writing to him. That from the time of her delivering it to him she had been very uneasy in her mind for complying with his repeated solicitations. That she desired the writing to be then produced for Mr. Riddlesden's inspection. That Mr. Flint objected to the producing it, assuring her with strong asseverations that he should consider the Miss Colliers as his own children.

* This letter is not known to Dr. Chapman.

Miss Collier wishes me to inform you that the last time she waited on Dr. Taylor, he told her that Mr. Flint had offered to leave the determination of this matter entirely to him, and that if he thought five hundred pounds each was not sufficient, he would add what more the Dr. should recommend. That he replied, "No, Flint, the whole is a generous offer of your own and you shall have the entire merit of what is given to them." From this declaration the Miss Colliers were in hopes that this matter would have been amicably settled some time ago.

In this same letter, we are told, Langley spoke "of having been to a Mr. Dean (evidently a lawyer),* as to certain papers and agreements belonging to Miss Collier, but which he denied having." Johnson's next known letter to Langley is nearly three months later, and there is probably a gap in the correspondence. This letter, of which Dr. Chapman has kindly sent me a copy, has unfortunately been mutilated by an autograph fiend, who has cut away the signature and the date at the foot, and with them the bottom line on the front of the page:—

DEAR SIR

A long continuance of ill health with the evils that attend it, must be allowed as an excuse for many omissions, and you will not therefore much blame me for omitting hitherto those thanks which your honest diligence has deserved. I am completely satisfied with what you have done, and written, but could make out no case that I thought could help the girls, if (?) indeed, which do[e]s (*so written, or mutilated?*) not very plainly (*line ? missing*) wish that they should act by any advice of M[ine] in opposition to any other. To require that they should give up their contingent claim is certainly a hardship, though that claim as they have a brother and sister† is worth very little. You, Sir, have been very friendly.

A new edition of the Lives of the Poets has been lately printed in 4 vol 8vo. I shall send a set to morrow to Mr. Davenport, to be transmitted to you, which I desire you to accept from,

Sir,

Your most humble servant

The date of Johnson's letter is fixed pretty closely by Langley's reply, dated 19 May 1783, where at the end he gratefully acknowledges

* Dr. Sadler tells me that a "Joseph, son of Joseph Dean, Attorney, Ash.," was buried there on 28 Dec. 1776; a "Joseph Dean, Attorney, Ash.," on 9 Feb. 1779; and a "Jonathan Dean, of Ashburne, Attorney," on 1 June 1783. This last was probably the man referred to.

† Thomas and Martha Flint, their half-brother and half-sister.

the gift of books, of which Davenport had notified him by that day's post.* Langley's letter opens thus (*Gent.'s Mag.*, 1878, vol. 243, p. 700):—

The kind manner in w^{ch} you are pleased to address me in your last letter demands my sincerest thanks, and y^e approbation you express of my conduct respecting the Miss Colliers far more than compensates for the incivilities I have met with and for the base insinuations which have been covertly given to the honest and amicable intentions of my heart to both parties. I wish the affair concerning those girls was adjusted, who at present seem very unhappy.

There is a reason of which we now know why Mr. Flint would not at this time be over-anxious to part with any money unless compelled to do so; and perhaps when his stepdaughters, a few months earlier, had, through Mr. Langley, expressed their desire for a quick settlement, "in case of Mr. Flint's alteration of his present state or his death," they saw which way the wind was blowing. The Ashburne register reveals the cause of their misgiving:—

1783. July 31. mard. Thomas Flint, of this par., gent., and Dorothy Tunncliffe, of this par., spinster, by lic. Wits., Wm. Etches and John Langford, Junr.

This was his third matrimonial venture, and its character was what one might expect. His signature, once so firm and flowing, is now shaky, while that of the bride is illiterate: a foolish elderly man, already beginning to fail, and perhaps a young woman of little education not indifferent to the fact that he was well-to-do, and not likely to live over-long. There were, however, a few years of life left in him, and in proof we need not open the burial register of Ashburne until another four years have elapsed:—

1787. June 25. burd. Mr. Thos. Flint, aged 63, Ash.

He had made his last will over a year earlier, as the following abstract shews:—

THOMAS FLINT, of Ashborne, co. Derby, gent. Will dated 20 Mch. 1786. Debts to be paid out of real estate. To my son, *Thomas Flint* (having already made an ample provision for him and my dau. *Martha*, upon my marriage with my late wife), my silver tankard, the best bed with the bedstead, sheets, etc., wherein he used to lie; also my oak bureau,

* Yet on 14 July 1783, two months later, Davenport had not yet forwarded them to Langley (*Gent.'s Mag.*, 1878, vol. 243, p. 703).

and four large silver table spoons marked with the crest of a wing. Also to my said dau. *Martha*, my silver coffee pot with silver stand thereto, and four large silver table spoons marked with the letters *I.M.*, and also the bed in the blue room with the bedstead wherein she used to lie. I give my two messuages, etc., in Sandford Street, Lichfield, and at Osmaston, co. Derby, and the reversion of the house in Ashborne where I live, and my two pews in Ashburne church, to my wife, *Dorothy Flint*, and *Samuel Reddleson*, of Ashborne, surgeon, in trust to sell and pay debts, and the overplus to go to my wife *Dorothy*. To *Samuel Reddleston*, £10. Residue of estate to wife. Exors., wife *Dorothy*, and said *Samuel Reddleson*. Wits., *Thomas Hemsworth* and *John Child*. Proved 22 Aug. 1787, at Lichfield, by both exors.

One would hardly expect "Mr. Riddlesden, apothecary and surgeon, who attended Mrs. Flint in her illness," and supplied evidence to Langley in discredit of Mr. Flint, to have been identical with the executor named above. Perhaps he was another member of the clan, which had at least three medical representatives in Ashburne then.*

Mr. Flint, it will be noticed, makes no mention in his will of Dr. Taylor, who had been his employer for so many years, and who survived him eight months. True, Dr. Taylor needed no money legacy, but one would have expected some small token of regard. It will be noticed, too, that there is no mention of his stepdaughters, whom he was to "consider as his own children," and we do not know whether their claims on their mother's estate had been fairly met. In fact we know nothing of what became of any of the surviving actors in the drama. Dr. Sadler has been unable to find any further mention of them in the Ashburne registers, and I have equally failed to trace them through wills or other evidential sources. The two Miss Colliers were last heard of on 16 January 1783, while we bid farewell to their young half-sister and brother, *Martha* and *Thomas Flint*, in their father's will of 20 March 1786. *Dorothy Flint*, the stepmother, proved her husband's will on 22 August 1787, and then she too vanishes into the mists.

So ends the story, as well as we can piece it together now. If it ends in the mists, it equally begins in the mists, for we do not yet know

* Dr. Sadler tells me that *Samuel Riddlesden* (Freeholder), Surgeon, appears in the Directory of Ashburne for 1790, as well as *James Riddlesden*, Surgeon and Apothecary. There was also a *Richard Riddlesden*, of Ashburne, Surgeon, who was buried there on 18 Mch. 1801, aged 79. *Samuel Riddlesden*, Surgeon, was buried on 7 Feb. 1806, aged 54, from Compton, close by: he was an assistant governor of Ashburne Grammar School from 1800. Probably it was *James Riddlesden* who attended Mrs. Flint, for he was "Apothecary and Surgeon."

what the relationship was between Johnson and Mary Dunn, wife first of Thomas Collier and secondly of Thomas Flint. There seemed a doubt indeed from some of the evidence whether Johnson's relationship was not to Flint himself (whose will shews him to have owned property in Sandford Street, Lichfield), until Boswell's specific statement was revealed in the *Boswell Papers* (*ante*, p. 30), a statement supported by the fact that Johnson was brought into the dispute to help the cause of the Miss Colliers *against* Flint, their stepfather.

After that point is settled, another problem arises, whether Mrs. Collier afterwards Flint was a blood relation of Johnson's, in which case we must seek the link in John Dunn or Mary his wife. John Dunn, though settled at Colwich, certainly owned property in Lichfield (*ante*, p. 27), which may seem suggestive. If it was not a blood relationship it may have been that Johnson's connexion was with Thomas Collier, her first husband—a connexion that would, of course, link him with Thomas Collier's daughters. The most hopeful clue is provided by the letters of administration for the estate of Thomas Collier, after his death in 1765, which shew that Mary Collier, the elder daughter, chose as guardian "her kinsman, John Hollier, of Radford, in the county and city of Coventry, gentleman" (*ante*, p. 28), for this was the same John Hollyer, of Coventry, wine merchant, with whom Johnson corresponded in 1774 regarding the affairs of their cousin, Thomas Johnson of Coventry (*post*, p. 67). Unfortunately this clue does not help as it should, for we remain equally in the dark as to the connexion between John Hollyer and the Johnsons (*post*, p. 75). It will have been noticed that John Dunn had a nephew at Coventry; and there were Dunns there early in the eighteenth century. The Colliers were more native to Colwich, for the registers there shew that there were others of the name also living at Bishton, in the parish, contemporaneously with the Thomas Collier who married Mary Dunn. There was an earlier "Thomas Collyer of Bishton" buried there on 30 June 1757, and a "William Collyer of Bishton" on 29 October 1752, both of whom married and had families.

I may say that in the endeavour to trace more of the families concerned I have got lists of wills proved at Lichfield, as follows:—Collier, 1700 to 1850; Dunn, 1700 to 1782; and Flint, 1700 to 1840—but with no more success than I have chronicled.

In conclusion I will put all the genealogical information into the form of a narrative pedigree :—

JOHN DUNN, of Wolseley Bridge, par. of Colwich, co. Staffs., innholder ; owned property in Lichfield. Will dated 29 Jan. 1757, with codicil of 24 June 1757 ; admon., with will, granted 28 Sept. 1757, at Lichfield. By Mary his wife he had issue an only dau.,

Mary Dunn, bapt. 22 Sept. 1733, at Colwich ; mard. 1st. 1750–51 to Thomas Collier, of Bishton, par. of Colwich, and sometime of Wolseley Bridge, gent., who was burd. 7 May 1765, at Colwich, and admon. of whose estate was granted 30 Aug. 1765, at Lichfield, to John Hollyer, of Radford, Coventry, gent., the kinsman of the daughters. Thomas and Mary Collier had issue as follows,

1. John Collier, born 10 Sept. 1751, and bapt. 30 Sept. 1751, at Colwich ; burd. there 28 Nov. 1764.
2. Charles Collier, bapt. privately 1 Mch. and publicly 10 Mch. 1753, at Colwich ; burd. there 24 Mch. 1753.
3. James Collier, bapt. 1 Apl. 1756, at Colwich ; burd. there 1 Oct. 1762.
1. Mary Collier, bapt. privately 1 June and publicly 28 June 1754, at Colwich ; living unmard. 16 Jan. 1783.
2. Sarah Collier, bapt. 28 Mch. 1758, at Colwich ; burd. there 8 Oct. 1762.
3. Sophia Collier, bapt. 2 Sept. 1760, at Colwich ; living unmard. 16 Jan. 1783.

Mrs. Collier, though after her first husband's death said to " labour under a lunatick disorder," was mard. again on 2 Sept. 1766, at Ashburne, to Thomas Flint, of Ashburne, gent. (whose first wife Elizabeth had been burd. 6 May 1765, at Ashburne), who owned property in Sandford Street, Lichfield, and at Osmaston, co. Derby, and who acted as secretary to Johnson's friend, the Rev. John Taylor, D.D., of the Mansion, Ashburne. By Thomas Flint she had further issue,

1. Thomas Flint, bapt. 28 Mch. 1769, at Ashburne ; living 20 Mch. 1786.
1. Martha Flint, bapt. 25 Nov. 1767, at Ashburne ; living unmard. 20 Mch. 1786.

Mrs. Flint died shortly before Mch. 1776, and Thomas Flint was mard. for a third time, on 31 July 1783, at Ashburne, to Dorothy, dau. of Tunncliffe, of Ashburne. Thomas Flint was burd. 25 June 1787, at Ashburne, aged 63 ; his will, dated 20 Mch. 1786, was proved 22 Aug. 1787, at Lichfield, by Dorothy, the widow, and another.

“SAMUEL JOHNSTONE OF MARKET BOSWORTH”

IN *Notes and Queries* for 2 February 1901 (9th Series, vol. 7, p. 88), there is a communication from Henry T. Wake, of Fritchley, near Belper, in Derbyshire, to say that he has in his possession

an old copy of the works of Claudian in Latin, 16mo, in the original vellum binding, and printed at Cologne in 1612. On the top of the title-page, in a small, upright, cramped hand, is “Samuel Johnstone, Market Bosworth, 1733,” and at the end of the poems, before the annotations, the following note in the same writing, viz. :—

“Claudian seems to possess the Majesty and purity of the Augustan age uninterrupted by the execrable language of his own : in him Poetry may be said to have revived—and with him to have again sunk into her long dormant state of wretche[dness].—S. Johnstone, Market Bosworth, Jan. 19, A.D. 1733.”

The volume has also other autographs, “E Libris Caroli May” and “Jacob Jefferson, Oxon., Queen’s, 1743.”

Mr. Wake, knowing evidently of Johnson’s mastership at Market Bosworth Grammar School in 1732 (see *ante*, V., 75–87), asks, “Did he ever write his surname Johnstone?”

In the 152nd. Catalogue issued by Thomas C. Godfrey, Stonegate, York, dated “Summer, 1933,” on p. 22, item 345 is described as follows :—

CLAUDIANUS THED. PVLMANNI GRANEVVRGIUS, 16mo, cont.
vellum, Coloniae Allobrogvm, 1612 15/

Inscribed on title : Samuel Johnstone, Market Bosworth, 1733. Also at end of the poems the following note in MS.: “Claudian seems to possess the Majesty and purity of the Augustan Age uninterrupted by the execrable language of his own,” etc.

According to a note enclosed, this book was sent to the Dr. Johnson Bicentenary Exhibition, 1909, and the MS. notes are attributed to him.

There can, obviously, be no doubt that the two items refer to the same volume, and from the *Bi-Centenary of the Birth of Dr. Samuel Johnson—Commemoration Festival at Lichfield*, Stafford, 1909, I learn (p. 25) that “Mr. Henry T. Wake, Fritchley, Derby,” was one of those who loaned exhibits.

Of course Johnson never signed his name "Johnstone," and the "small, upright, cramped hand" was not his. Moreover, he left Market Bosworth in July 1732 (*ante*, V., 79-80).

Among the remarkable collection of books which Johnson took with him to Oxford in 1728 was the edition of *Claudianus* by Nicholas Heinsius, 1650, but he left them in a box at the University and did not recover them until 1735 (*ante*, V., 27, 221).

Who Charles May was, who had owned Mr. Wake's copy of *Claudian*, I have no means of telling, but the other owner, of 1743, was James, son of Thomas Jefferson, of Rosley, Cumberland, who matriculated from Queen's College, Oxford, on 9 July 1739, aged 18, taking his B.A. in 1744, his M.A. in 1748, and his B. and D.D. in 1768, as Jacob Jefferson (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*).

THE HARRISON FAMILY

THE will of Cornelius Harrison, of Stubb House, in the parish of Winston, co. Durham (see *Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 182), dated 2 January 1806, was proved 25 June 1806, by the sister-in-law, Mary Kipling, widow, the sole executrix, and again by her on 29 July 1806, but that probate was revoked and she proved yet again on 27 August 1806 (P.C.C., Pitt, 570). It is printed in full by General Plantagenet-Harrison in his *History of Yorkshire*, I., 344-7. His marriage was noticed in *The Gentleman's Magazine* for September 1766, p. 438 :—

(Sept. 2) N. (*sic*) Harrison, Esq;—to Miss Brunskill of Grainge-hall, Yorkshire.

The following is an abstract of the will of his mother Mary, daughter of John Marley, who after the death of her first husband, the Rev. Cornelius Harrison, Johnson's cousin, made a second marriage to the Rev. Robert Rawling, and died 6 August 1798 :—

MARY RAWLING, of Stubhouse, par. of Winston, co. Durham. Will dated 21 Apl. 1796. To my son, *Cornelius Harrison*, his heirs and assigns, all my moiety of the messuages, lands, etc., which belong to me and my said son at Lowfield or elsewhere in the township of Eppleby and chapelry of Forset, co. York. To my dau., *Mary Robson*, £800 secured to me on a bond from *Simon Thomas Scroope* and *George Fielding*, esqs., and also the further sum of £500 secured to me on a bond from my said son, *Cornelius Harrison*, with all interest from day of my decease. If my said dau., *Mary Robson*, die in my lifetime, the two said sums shall be divided among her children who shall be living at my decease. To my said dau., *Mary Robson*, my gold repeating watch. To my granddau., *Mary Harrison*, all my silver plate, bed linen and table linen, and wearing apparel, with the furniture belonging to me in my bedchamber at Stubhouse afsd. The £100 which will be found in my "scrutire" (*escritoire*) at my decease to be applied to my funeral expenses and in the distribution of £10 among the poor of Eppleby at the discretion of my exor. Residue of personal property to my said son, *Cornelius Harrison*, and name him exor. Signed, *Mary Rawling*. Wits., *Sampson George*, *Mary Kipling* and *John Dinsdale*. Proved 5 Feb. 1799, at Durham, by *Cornelius Harrison*, the exor. Estate under £2000.

Her second husband had predeceased her, as is shewn by the following abstract of his will :—

ROBERT RAWLING, of Eppleby Low Field, in the chapelry of Forcet, co. York, clerk. Will dated 22 June 1794. To *Ralph Ord*, of Sands, in the

par. of Sedgefield, esq., and the Rev. William Longstaffe, of Kelloe, co. Durham, clerk, all my freehold and leasehold messuages, lands and tenements, in Melsonby and Bowes, co. York, and Gainford and Bishop Middleham, co. Durham, and St. Oswald near the city of Durham, upon trust to permit my wife, *Mary Rawling*, to receive the rents and profits of my premises in Melsonby and Gainford, during her life, and on her decease in trust for my nephew, *Martin Wilkinson*, during his life, and on his decease to *James John Wilkinson*, his son, for ever, but in case the said *James John Wilkinson* shall die under twenty-one then the said premises shall be in trust for *James Jopling*, eldest son of my niece, *Elizabeth Jopling*, and to hold my premises in the par. of St. Oswald in trust for my nephew, *Martin Wilkinson*, during his life, and on his decease to *James John Wilkinson*, and for default to the children of *Elizabeth Jopling*. To my said nephew, *Martin Wilkinson*, my premises in Bowes for life, and on his decease to his son, *James John Wilkinson*, and for default to *Henry Debod*, my nephew, for ever. To my niece, *Elizabeth Jopling*, my premises in Bishop Middleham, for life, and on her decease to *James Jopling*. To my said trustees, £2400 upon trust to pay the interest of £400 each to my nephew, *Henry Debod*, and my niece, *Elizabeth Jopling*, and the interest of £1600 to my nephew, *Martin Wilkinson*. Residue to my nephew, *Martin Wilkinson*. Exors., *Ralph Ord* and *William Longstaff*. Wits., *Thomas Terry*, *Anthony Bell* and *Joseph Richardson*. Proved 9 Aug. 1794, at York (vol. 138, fol. 319), by both exors.

The dates of this will prove that the Rev. Mr. Rawling, Rector of Wath, Yorkshire, who died on 29 December 1792* (see *Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 182), was not the husband of the Rev. Cornelius Harrison's widow.

As regards Elizabeth Herne, the niece of the Rev. Cornelius Harrison, whom Johnson supported in her lunacy, and in whom Mrs. Prowse, of Compton Bishop, near Axbridge, in Somersetshire, took such a kindly interest, it occurred to me whether there might have been some earlier connexion between Mrs. Prowse's family and the Hernes. An abstract of the will of Mrs. Prowse's mother, Anna Maria, widow of John Sharp (*ibid.*, p. 181, and *ante*, VIII., 184), dated 26 October 1745 and proved 8 Dec. 1747, in P.C.C. (Potter, 326), shews however that no Herne is mentioned in it. She died 30 September 1747. Thomas Prowse, M.P. for Somersetshire, the husband of Elizabeth Herne's benefactor, is alluded to by Horace Walpole, in a letter to Horace Mann, of 4 March 1749, where he speaks of the Tories

* The Vicar of Wath-on-Dearne, near Rotherham, tells me that John Rowley held the living from 1761, his successor being appointed in 1793.

being "now governed by one Prowse, a cold plausible fellow": he declined the Speakership in 1761 (*Walpole's Letters*, ed. Mrs. Paget Toynbee, I., 205; II., 362; V., 137).

As Elizabeth Herne, on her discharge from Bethlem Hospital as incurable in 1767, was placed by Johnson "in a mad-house at Bethnal Green" (*ante*, II., 52), I had a search made in the registers of St. Matthew's there onwards from the date of Johnson's death in 1784, which discovered the following entry:—

1792. Feb. 22. burd. Elizth. Hearne.

We may assume therefore that she remained uncured, and died in the anciently established private asylum at Bethnal Green, which in Strype's time was the "Blind Beggar's House" (Wheatley and Cunningham's *London*, I., 179).

The City Librarian of Bristol kindly tells me that a John Watts was admitted a freeman of the city on 17 February 1781, because he had been apprenticed to his father, John Watts, decd., wire-drawer, but that no entry of his apprenticeship can be found. This might be the son of Elizabeth Herne's sister Phoebe, who married Mr. Watts, of Bristol (*ante*, VIII., 182-3). The son was named John, and was alive, under age, on 3 April 1781: the attainment of his majority was to bring him the silver shoe buckles which otherwise were to go, under the will of his grandmother, Phoebe, widow of Benjamin Herne, to her cousin, Dr. Johnson (*ante*, VIII., 180-83).

In an article by George Murray Smith in *Cornhill* for February, 1901, entitled "Lawful Pleasures," there is an account (pp. 199-201) of the action brought by General Plantagenet-Harrison for libel alleged in an article contributed to the same magazine in 1868, where some notes on a visit to Spain made mention of a General Plantagenet Harrison and his swindling transactions. The writer believed the name to be a fictitious one, and the defence did not take the action very seriously, but the General was awarded £50 by the jury.

My old and staunch supporter, the Rev. F. R. Brunskill, visited Stubb House in April 1923, and found that the Stantons, who descended from Cornelius Harrison (see *Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 183), were still living there, but about to leave and sell the house, which is a substantial one of stone.

UNCLE CORNELIUS FORD AND HIS DESCENDANTS

OF all Johnson's maternal uncles Cornelius Ford is still the one of whom we have least information. It is true that since I issued *The Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry* a good deal has come to light, particularly concerning his residence at Stroxton, in Lincolnshire, where he probably acted in some responsible capacity on the estate of the Hacket family (*ante*, VIII., 83 *et seq.*). And of his youngest daughter, Phœbe Ford, for so many years housekeeper to Edward Gibbon and his father, we have learned many interesting particulars (*ante*, IV., 46-51; VIII., 9-16). But we do not know whom he married, where he lived when he was not at Stroxton, when he died, or where he was buried.

Of his five sons born at Stroxton between 1703 and 1710 only the two youngest, Joseph and Andrew, seem to have been alive in 1726. The two elder daughters, Sarah (the sweet-natured "Sally Ford" of Johnson's boyhood) and Anne, born at Stroxton within the same period, were also alive then, as of course too was Phœbe. There is no record of any of these children having married, yet (excluding Phœbe as having died a spinster) at least one of them must have done so and had a family, for when Phœbe made her will in 1795 she left her wearing apparel and some small financial interest to be divided between her niece, Mrs. Pheeby Thomas, wife of Mr. James Thomas, of Powick, near Worcester, and Sarah King and Jane Howell, sisters to the said Mrs. Pheeby Thomas (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 156). This clue at Powick was the only one which presented itself, and I am very much obliged to the Vicar there, the Rev. F. C. Champion, for having followed it up in the most thorough fashion, by searching his registers and the churchyard. He was rewarded by finding a tombstone with the following inscription:—

In memory of Mr. James Thomas late of | Pear Tree Farm in this Parish
who died | August 26, 1815. Aged 67 years. | "An honest man free
from pride | In credit lived, beloved he died."

Here also lieth the remains of Mrs. Phœbe Thomas | wife of the aforesaid
James Thomas, | She died October 16th 1826 Aged 90 years.

The corresponding entries in the register were as follows:—

James Thomas buried August 30, 1815, aged 66.

Phæbe Thomas buried Oct. 21, 1826, aged 90.

It was disappointing that a most thorough search through the registers failed to disclose any other entry relating to this couple, who, it is obvious, were Phæbe Ford's niece and her husband. The next thing was to look for their wills, which fortunately were both found :—

JAMES THOMAS, of par. of Powick, co. Worc., farmer. Will dated 8 May 1815. To my friends, *John Scandrett*, of city of Worcester, watchmaker, and *John Penny*, of Powick, gent., all those my two freehold cottages, with land adjoining, and lately let by me to *William Downes*, situate in Powick, about $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres, called Braisewick, to hold unto said *John Scandrett* (*sic*) and *John Penny* upon trust to sell same and pay moneys unto my wife, *Phæbe Thomas*. I charge same with payment of legacies hereafter mentioned. To my said wife that piece of meadow land called Wattle Bridge, in Powick, about two acres, during her life, and then unto *Thomas Scandrett*, son of said *John Scandrett*, to him and his heirs for ever. To said wife for life the rent of my leasehold messuage and lands situate at place called Old Radnor, in co. Radnor, and after her decease to said friend, *John Scandrett*, for remainder of term. To my brother, *John Thomas*, of London, £200, but in case my brother die in lifetime of my said wife and before payment, then said legacy shall become property of my resid. legatee. To my friend, *John Scandrett*, and his wife, *Sarah Scandrett*, £100 each ; to my friend, *John Penny*, £10 ; and to *Ann Oliver*, who has occasionally waited on me, £5. The rest and residue of my money, and all my goods, chattels, plate, personal estate and effects, to my said wife, *Phæbe Thomas*, and appoint her extrix., with said *John Scandrett* and *John Penny* as exors. and trustees, and direct that *Mr. Samuel Haden*, of city of Worcester, attorney at law, be employed by them. Wits., *Martha Dobbins*, *James Taylor*, and *Saml. Haden*. Proved 19 Sept. 1815, in P.C.C. (518, Pakenham), by the extrix. and exors. named.

PHÆBE THOMAS, of the par. of Powick, co. Worc., widow. Will dated 10 Apl. 1816. Weak in body. To *Esther Dunn*, of Powick, spinster, £5, within nine months after my decease. To *Ann Leighton*, late of Worcester, but who is now married, £5. To *Sarah Caudle*, of par. of St. John, co. Worc., widow, the bed and bedstead I sleep on, with all linen and wearing apparel. To *Hannah Oliver*, wife of *Thomas Oliver*, of Powick, labourer, the bed and bedsteads in my servants room. To *John Penny*, of Powick, gent., the bed and bedsteads and clothes belonging which is now in his own occupation. The three legacies to be given one month after my decease. My exors. to sell and dispose of remainder of my furniture and other effects, and collect all moneys, etc., and after my debts, funeral expenses and legacies are paid I give the rest and residue to be equally divided between *James Kings*, of

Great Malvern, co. Worc., labourer, *William Kings*, of All Saints, city of Worcester, labourer, *Henry Howell*, of St. Martin's, city of Worcester, painter, *Thomas Dynley Howell*, a private soldier in the Twelfth Regt. of Foot, *Thomas Kings*, of St. Martin's, city of Worcester, labourer, *Phæbe Simmonds*, of city of Hereford, widow, *Robert Dunn*, of Powick, glover, *Henry Dunn*, of St. Martin's, city of Worcester, glover, and *Sarah Caudle*, in equal shares, within nine months of my decease, and I wish it to be expressly understood that that part of my personal estate which I mean shall be subject to the payment of the legacies I have left, and the remainder divided among my resid. legatees, is the moneys which arise by sale of the cottages and land called Braisewick, devised on certain trusts by the will of my late husband, *James Thomas*, decd., but nevertheless subject to the legacies payable by his said will, and in case of dispute as to the power of my late husband's trustees to sell said cottages and land called Braisewick, the same not having been already sold, I direct that as far as I have legal power my said husband's trustees shall have the like power to sell the said land and cottages after my decease as if they had sold the same prior to my decease, paying to my exors. such proportionate part as I myself should have been entitled to. Exors., *John Scandrett*, of city of Worcester, watchmaker, and said *John Penny*. Signed, *Phæbe Thomas (mark)*. Wits., *Martha Dobbins*, *Samuel Haden, junr.*, and *Sam. Haden*. Codicil dated 5 May 1826. Whereas I have bequeathed several legacies to several persons, in addition thereto I bequeath unto *Ann Taylor*, spinster, my servant residing with me, £7, within nine months of my decease. Signed, *Phæbe Thomas (mark)*. Wits., *John —*, *William Shails* and *James Oliver*. Effects under £300. Proved 2 Apl. 1827, in the Consistory Court of Worcester, by the exors. named.

It will be noticed that a number of the residuary legatees bear the names of Mrs. Thomas's sisters, Sarah King (or Kings, as it appears to be) and Jane Howell, and therefore they may be taken as children or grandchildren of those sisters. I have made some attempts to trace them, and to find wills which might relate to them, but without success. Most of them belonged to Worcester, which is a comparatively large place, with many churches, and to look for them there would be a big job. These kinsfolk of Johnson's seem to have come down in the world, two of them being described as labourers.

After the initial success of tracing Phæbe Thomas and her husband I hoped to discover her maiden name, but have quite failed to do so. She was evidently born about 1736, and so might have been the child of any of the four surviving children of Cornelius Ford whom I have enumerated as born at Stroxtton, but we cannot even say

whether she was a Ford herself or only the child of one of the daughters. As there is no record of her ever having had any children of her own there is nothing to guide us as to the date of her marriage, which might have taken place any time between (say) 1770 (when her husband would be about 21) and 1815, the date of that husband's will. Nor is there any clue as to where the marriage would take place. Yet the problem presents a pretty wide field of attack, for the marriage entry of either of her sisters, Sarah Kings and Jane Howell, would equally reveal her maiden name and go far towards solving the problem of her parentage.

It will be noticed that James Thomas's brother, John Thomas, of London, to whom in 1815 he leaves £200, seems likely to be identifiable with the Mr. John Thomas, of No. 16 Marble Court, Webb Street, in the parish of St. Olave's, Southwark, whom Phoebe Ford, in 1795, nominated her executor and residuary legatee.

Mr. Champion had all these names before him when searching the Powick registers, but found no identifiable entries relating to them. Concerning Thomas Dynley Howell, the official records shew that as Private Thomas Howell he joined the 12th Regiment of Foot, at Port Lewis, Mauritius, on 25 November 1811, but the date or place of enlistment is not given. He proceeded to St. Denis, Isle of Bourbon (Réunion), in the March quarter of 1813; to Grand Port, Mauritius, in the June quarter of 1815; to Ireland in the September quarter of 1817; and was discharged at Athlone on 1 February 1818.

Mr. Champion tells me that Pear Tree Farm, where James and Phoebe Thomas lived, though it is not mentioned in their wills, is a fine old black and white house now owned by the County Mental Hospital and converted into two cottages.

I have not found where Phoebe Ford, who lived latterly at Clerkenwell, was buried 1795-7. It certainly was not at Putney, with which church Edward Gibbon and his family were associated.

THE REV. SAMUEL FORD'S BURIAL PLACE

IN giving particulars of the Rev. Samuel Ford, Rector of Brampton Abbots and Vicar of Monkland, both in the diocese of Hereford, for whom Johnson had prepared a scheme of study before this particular cousin went up to Oxford in 1736, I regretted that I had been unable to trace the place of his burial, either at Hereford, where he died on 6 May 1793, or at any of the other places with which we knew him to have been associated (*ante*, III., 44-6; IV., 89; VI., 52-4).

It was while searching *The Monthly Magazine* for 1796 that in the July number I found among the "Provincial Occurrences," under "Herefordshire" (p. 513), the following death given :—

At Hereford, Mrs. Ford, relict of the Rev. Mr. Ford.

This immediately suggested a search for her will, in the special hope that she would ask to be buried near her husband. The will was found and, though a poor thing in itself, written in her own poor hand, it gave the information desired :—

January y^e 17 1794

I MARY FORD widow of the parish of St. Peters Hereford Herefordshire do give to my servant Elizbeth Jones Fivty pounds provided she lives with me till my decease & my cloaths it is my will to be buried as near my dear Husband as posable at Homlacy Witness my handwriting I also give her y^e turnup Bedstead & furnaturee of the bed

MARY FORD

Thomas Price

Thosamas [*sic*] Dawson

KNOW ALL MEN by these presents That we Elizebeth Jones of the Parish of St. Owen in the City of Hereford Spinster & Edward Tongue of the same parish Apparitor are held and firmly bound to the Venble. Nathan Wetherell Doctor in Divinity Dean of the Cathedral Church of Hereford in Six hundred pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain to be paid the said Venble. Dean or his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or assigns for the true payment whereof we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators firmly by these presents Sealed with our seals Dated this twenty third day of September in the 36th year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth and in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety six.

WHEREAS Letters of Admon. of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of Mary Ford late of the parish of Saint Peter in the City and Deanery of Hereford Widow deceased with her last will and Testament annexed are granted and committed to Elizabeth Jones Spinster above bounden the universal Legatee in the said will named (no executor being therein appointed) Now the condition of this obligation is such that if the said Elizabeth Jones do exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the Registry of the Consistory Court of the Deanery of Hereford a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased which since her death have come to the hands possession or knowledge of the said Elizabeth Jones or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for her at or before the last day of October next and also to render a just and true account of her administration thereof according to the Tenor of the said Will and the same fulfill by paying the debts of the said deceased and also the legacies mentioned in the said Will so far as the law doth require and the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased will thereto extend Then this obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue.

SEALED and delivered (being first
duly stamped) in the presence of
WM. GRIFFITHS N.P.

ELIZABETH JONES
EDWARD TONGUE

23rd September 1796

Appeared personally Elizabeth Jones Spinster and alledged that Mary Ford late of the parish of St. Peter in the City and Deanery of Hereford Widow deceased duly made and executed her last Will and Testament but therein did not name or appoint any Executor and that she is the universal Legatee named in the said Will ; Wherefore she prayed Letters of Administration of all and singular the Goods chattels and credits of the said deceased with her aforesaid Will annexed to be granted to her upon her interposing sufficient security.

Let Admon. of the Goods chattels & credits of the aforesaid Mary Ford deced. with her said Will annexed be granted to the above named Elizabeth Jones she being first sworn in due form of law

Sworn under £300.

before me
GIBBONS BAGNALL
Surrogate.

Application to the Vicar of Holme Lacy brought copies of the two following entries :—

Rev'd Samuel Ford Rector of Brampton Abbotts was buried May 9 1793
and Registered January 13 1794 by me
GIBBONS BAGNALL, Vicar.

Mrs. Mary Ford, Widow of the Revd. Mr. Ford was buried July 11, 1796.
Registered Jan. 25, 1797 by me

G. BAGNALL, Vicar.

Why Samuel Ford chose Holme Lacy for his burial place (if he did choose it) there is no evidence to shew. He never held the living, for Gibbons Bagnall was Vicar from 1744 to 1800. Holme Lacy is some five miles south-east of Hereford, about half way to Brampton Abbots but off the main road on which Mr. Ford would travel when he visited his cure. Monkland, his other living, which he surrendered in 1780, was quite in the opposite direction, nearly twelve miles north from Hereford.

Neither the Vicar nor the sexton has been able to find any stone to the memory of the Rev. Samuel Ford or his wife.

The Public Librarian of Hereford has kindly made search for and found an obituary notice of Mrs. Ford in *The Hereford Journal* for Wednesday, 13 July 1796 :—

On Saturday died, at her house in Castle Street, in this city, Mrs. Ford, relict of the Rev. Mr. Ford, Rector of Brampton Abbots in this county.

Mrs. Ford, therefore, died on 9 July, two days before her burial at Holme Lacy. The house in Castle Street where she died was no doubt the one in which her husband had also died three years before. Elizabeth Jones, the servant who benefited under her will, had been left by him a sum of £200, as a reward for long and faithful service, and it was his suggestion that his wife should leave her another £50 (*ante*, III., 46).

The maiden name of Mrs. Ford is still to seek, and we have no idea of when the marriage took place.

TWO JOHNSON TRADITIONS IN LICHFIELD

THE late Mr. Alfred D. Parker, in his *Sentimental Journey in and about the Ancient and Loyal City of Lichfield*, 1925, p. 152, has the following story to tell :—

Early in the nineteenth century there lived at the " Ring of Bells "—a small licensed house situate in Stowe Street, Lichfield—old Thomas Walton. He had been clerk and sexton at St. Mary's Church, Lichfield, and, as a boy, shop-lad to old Michael Johnson. It was his delight to boast that he knew " the great doctor." He assumed much pomposity of manner, and affected a style which he thought was a colourable imitation of the sage. It is related that he used to correct the grammar and pronunciation of his customers, and, being somewhat of an actor, portrayed the peculiarities of Dr. Johnson with dignified and seemly reverence.

With a scepticism developed by previous acquaintance with reminiscences of this kind I asked Mr. Parker what the evidence was for Thomas Walton and his service with Michael Johnson. He said he got the story from a well known local woodcarver, Joseph Bannister, who lived in Stowe Street, nearly opposite the Ring of Bells, and had listened to Thomas Walton's Johnsonian recitals. To satisfy me Mr. Parker enquired as to the date of Joseph Bannister's death, and found that it occurred on 7 April 1909, at the age of 84. That rather " tore " the story, for it is obvious that a man not born till about 1825 could not have been entertained in this way by a man who had been shop-lad to Michael Johnson, who died in 1731. And further investigation revealed that Thomas Walton, a sexton, living at " The Eight Bells," in Stowe Street, was buried at St. Chad's on 29 September 1846, aged 75, so that he was not born until about forty years after Michael Johnson's death. It may be that some earlier member of his family had enjoyed the honour. There were several families of Walton living in Lichfield in 1695. That Thomas Walton, as a boy, had seen Dr. Johnson on some of his later visits to Lichfield, is quite possible, or even probable.

Mr. Laithwaite kindly sends me the following extract from a long minute made in the " Parish Book " of St. Chad's, by the Rev. John Graham, who was Rector from 1854 to 1893 :—

I heard some things from an old man called Millington, over 90 years old at the time he told me (1855) he told me he had often seen

Dr. Johnson at Stowe, and on coming in he always stood, took off his hat, and remained a short time in prayer in the Porch, whether it was a time of service or not.

St. Chad's church, of course, is at Stowe. This is a memory which carries an air of authenticity, and the register of St. Chad's records that John Millington, of Stowe Street, was buried on 29 April 1857, aged 86. If he was not so old as Mr. Graham thought, he was at least about the same age as Thomas Walton, and so capable of boyish memories of Johnson.

THE RUTTERS AND THEIR KINDRED

WHEN Michael Johnson drew up his defence in 1718 to meet the charge of illegally trading as a tanner he stated that he had employed Thomas Rutter, and afterwards Mrs. Rutter, and latterly John Rutter, their son, to tan the skins rejected as unfit for the manufacture of parchment and vellum, over a period commencing twenty years before ; but that recently he had removed his business to John Barton, "for which reason Rutter is become the most vigorous Prosecutor." He explained "That when Tho. Rutter Lay on His death Bead He requested His friends that came to take their last leave of Him to speake to me to continew my buisness with his wife and sone soe that I was not thought an ofender then," his intention being that Mrs. Rutter should be called to prove this. In re-writing his defence Michael said that he might have continued to sell the resultant leather without molestation if he had not removed the business from "John Rutter Who formerly had for several years his sole dependance on this defendant but ungratefully having now forgot the Bread he eat is become the most vigorous Prosscutor." Rutter, it appears, was paid so much a dozen for the tanning (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, pp. 213-16 ; *ante*, III., 27-8, 92-3).

At one of the above references (*Reades*, etc., p. 215) I printed an abstract of the will of Thomas Rutter, of Lichfield, tanner, dated 3 November 1702 and proved 17 April 1703, in which he mentions his wife Mary and his children (unnamed), appointing his brother-in-law, Thomas Bayley, as overseer, while Thomas Browne, of Lichfield, corvizer, acted as one of the appraisers of his estate. The evidences that follow, with the narrative pedigree, shew that Thomas Rutter and Thomas Bayley married respectively Mary and Ruth, daughters of John Perkins, mercer, and members of an old and prosperous Lichfield family that had long taken part in the city government. The Rutters enjoyed a better status than Michael Johnson's references to them suggested, and there seems no room for doubt that John Rutter, the villain of the piece, married Elizabeth, a daughter of Thomas Jordan, lord of the manor of Aldridge, by Mary his wife, daughter of William Saunders, of Shareshill. Shaw says that this Elizabeth married "Thomas" Rutter, of Lichfield, and died without issue (*Staffordshire*,

II., 99, 100, 107*); but as our John Rutter had a wife named Elizabeth, who administered his estate after his death in 1736, when John Jordan, of Aldridge, clerk, son and heir of the said Thomas Jordan, stood surety, it can hardly be doubted that "Thomas" was a mistake.

Thomas Browne, of Lichfield, corvizer, was no other than the "Tom Brown" who taught Johnson English until he went on to Lichfield Grammar School: he became a schoolmaster some time before 18 September 1707, when he acted as an appraiser of Thomas Bayley's goods (*ante*, I., 30-33; III., 78-80). There was clearly some connexion, evidenced by the will abstracts that follow, between the Brownes and the Perkins-Bayley-Rutter group, but I have not discovered its nature.

The pedigree I have constructed includes Isaac Hinckley, the Lichfield attorney who figures so frequently in local records at that time. His wife, Elizabeth Turton, it will be seen, was first cousin to Mrs. Thomas Rutter. The Perkins-Turton-Hinckley connexion is given at p. 12 of Homer and James's *Pedigree of Turton*, 1924. Mr. Homer told me that administration of the estate of Isaac Hinckley, late of St. Mary's, Lichfield, widower, was granted on 9 June 1715, in P.C.C., to Mary Potts, the wife of William Potts, gent., natural and legitimate daughter of deceased and next-of-kin. William Potts, who was Junior Bailiff in 1716, was one of the magistrates who sat to try Michael Johnson's case: he was buried at St. Chad's on 23 November 1724 (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, pp. 211-13). I have no evidence as to Isaac Hinckley's parentage: he was of Wolverhampton at the time of his marriage. He would appear to have left no son surviving, but there was a John Hinckley whose son Isaac was baptized 21 May 1713, at St. Mary's, Lichfield: this Isaac (? burd. 5 Feb. 1786, at St. Michael's, Lichfield) had eight children baptized at St. Mary's between 1737 and 1756.

John Perkins, the father of Mrs. Rutter and Mrs. Bayley, had a son Simon, who proved his will in 1685 but is not heard of again. Whether the other son, John, born in 1660, survived is doubtful, for he is not mentioned in his father's will of 1684. Yet there was a John Perkins, aged "30 odd," living in Tamworth Street in 1695, with "Eliz. his wife 46 she was a widow." She was Elizabeth Hinckes,

married to him at St. Michael's on 3 August 1683, and presumably widow of John Hinkes, of Lichfield, whose will was proved at Lichfield in 1681. Their five children, as enumerated in the census of 1695, do not appear to have been baptized at Lichfield.

Mary, the widow of Simon Perkins, who died in 1643, is said to have left a will, containing a charitable bequest, but it does not seem to be in P.C.C. or at Lichfield. I have not attempted to trace the pedigree earlier than Simon Perkins, who died in 1641, but the following extracts from Harwood's *Lichfield* shew that it might be done :—

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| p. 421. | 1569. | Sheriff. | Roger Perkyns. |
| p. 422. | 1582. | Junior Bailiff. | Roger Perkyns, a tanner. |
| p. 425. | 1624. | Junior Bailiff. | Symon Perkins. |
| | 1633. | Senior Bailiff. | Symon Perkins. |
| p. 427. | 1653. | Sheriff. | John Perkins. |
| | 1655. | Junior Bailiff. | John Perkins. |
| p. 431. | 1704. | Junior Bailiff. | William Berwick. |
| | 1716. | Junior Bailiff. | William Potts. |

The above William Berwick of 1704 I take to be the same person as William "Berrick," mentioned in the will of Ruth Perkins, in 1699, as her son-in-law, and as the William Berwick, childless widower, aged 32, who was living in Sadler Street in 1695. He must have married either Rebecca or Sarah, daughter of John and Ruth Perkins, to lose her while quite young.

On the loose page of an old account book, lent me by the late Mr. W. B. Bickley, occur the following notes :—

In J. Barker's Grandfathers Ledger stands Thomas Bayly Fell-monger for the years 1706 & 1707 Folio 9.

on the same Leaf under Thos. Bayly is wrote Ruth Bayly his Widow from the Year 1707 to 1712. She sold Malt. see Fo. 52.

The entries from the Lichfield registers are selected from a large number made for me a good many years ago by the Rev. F. A. Homer, before I had any particular interest in the pedigree here presented, of most of which indeed I was quite ignorant. It is probable that a search made now, in the light of that pedigree, would disclose further entries to extend and amplify it.

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS

ST. MARY'S, LICHFIELD.

1643. Apl. 11. burd. Mrs. Mary Perkins, widow.
 1654. May 4. bapt. Mary, dau. of Mr. John Perkins.
 1655/6. Feb. 17. bapt. Ruth, dau. of Mr. John Perkins.
 1657/8. Mch. 2. bapt. Hester, dau. of Mr. John Perkins.
 1659/60. Mch. 4. bapt. John, son of Mr. John Perkins, gent.
 1662. Mch. 27. bapt. Rebecca, dau. of Mr. John Perkins.
 1665/6. Apl. 6. bapt. Sarah, dau. of Mr. John Perkins.
 1674. May 14. bapt. Judith, dau. of Isaac Hinckley.
 1677. June 27. bapt. Mary, dau. of Mr. Isaac Hinckley.
 1682. June 24. bapt. Isaac, son of Mr. Isaac Hinckley.
 1698. Apl. 20. burd. Eleanor, wife of Thomas Bayley.
 1698. Oct. 21. mard. Thomas Baily and Ruth Perkins (dau. of Mr. John Perkins of Lichfield).
 1719/20. Apl. 14. mard. Mr. William Francis and Mrs. Ann Rutter.

ST. CHAD'S, LICHFIELD.

1683. Aug. 24. mard. Thomas Rutter and Mrs. Mary Perkins.
 1684. May 8. bapt. Mary, dau. of Thomas Rutter.
 1685/6. Mch. 18. bapt. John, son of Thomas Rutter.
 1688. Apl. 3. bapt. Ann, dau. of Thomas Rutter.
 1694/5. Jan. 13. bapt. Thomas, son of Thomas Rutter.
 1702. Dec. 30. burd. Thomas Rutter at St. Michael's.
 1736. Dec. 28. burd. Mr. Rutter.
 1772. Mch. 5. burd. Mrs. Elizabeth Rutter, aged 94.

ST. MICHAEL'S, LICHFIELD.

1602. Nov. 28. mard. Simon Perkins and Mary Temple.
 1635. Oct. 14. mard. Mr. Francis Roberts and Marie Perkins.
 1641. Sept. 4. burd. Mr. Simon Perkins.
 1683. Aug. 3. mard. John Perkins and Elizabeth Hincks.
 1684/5. Mch. 12. burd. Mr. John Perkins.
 1686/7. June 16. burd. Judith, dau. of Isaac and Elizabeth Hinckley.
 1699/1700. Jan. 6. burd. Mrs. Perkins, widow.
 1702. Dec. 20. burd. Thomas Rutter.
 1707. Sept. 3. burd. Thomas Bayley, of St. Mary's par.
 1707. Sept. 19. burd. Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Isaac Hinckley.
 1712. Oct. 14. burd. Mrs. Ruth Baley, of St. Mary's.
 1715. May 11. burd. Isaac Hinckley.
 1719. Aug. 21. burd. Mary Rutter, widow.

LICHFIELD "CENSUS," 1695

(see *ante*, III., 18)Sadler *alias* Market Street.

W ^m Berwick widd ^r	}	00.01.0
no child 32		

Anne Berwick widd: 56.

Geo. Brooks App^r 17Mary Audley serv^t 22

Tho: Bailly 60

Ellianor his wife 52

Mary Bailly Sojour^r 18.Hannah Ellwall serv^t 24.

Wade Street.

Isaac Hinckley Gent. reputed 47

Eliz. his wife, 40 odd (44)

Mary his Daught^r 20.Eliz. Bull his serv^t 20 odd.

Judith Clare 53

Hannah 20

Sarah 18

Judith 16

Eliz. 12

her Daught^{rs}

Tamworth Street.

John Perkins 30 odd

Eliz. his wife 46 she was a widow

Stephen 11

John 5

Eliz. 9

Mary 7

Ann 4

Tho: Mopposs 16

John Hill 13

} Sons

} Daught^{rs}} serv^{ts}

Bore Street.

Ruth Perkins, Widd: 70

Ruth her Daught^r 28

Enoch Gregg 38

Ann Dickin 26

} serv^{ts}

Stow Street.

Tho: Rutter 44

Mary his wife 36

John 10	} Children
Tho: 6	
Mary 12	
Ann 9	

ABSTRACTS OF WILLS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

SIMON PERKINS, of Lichfield, co. of that city, tanner. Will dated 17 May 1641. To my wife *Mary*, my five acres in Whitehedge Field, Lichfield, called the Flatt, and five acres in Boley Bottom there, held by lease for 100 years of *Thomas Barker*, with remainder to my son *John*, he paying my dau., *Judith Turton*, or her children, £3 a year, she being wife of *William Turton*. To my wife, the lands bought of *Alexander Budd*, in Lichfield, by indenture of 10 Nov., 3 Charles I. [1627], being a croft at the end of Sandford Street, and a meadow adjoining the same, and a close called Round Meadow near the same, a close on Schoolhouse Lane, and a burgage in Sandford Street with garden, and half an acre in Sandford Street, and other pieces of ground in Lichfield, with remainder to my son *John*, he paying my son *William* £10 a year; on *John's* death the same to said *William*, in tail male, to the heirs of the said *John*. To my wife, two acres in Leefield, and a barn in Frogg Lane, and land in Speare Hill, Lichfield. To my dau. *Mary*, 20s/-; to my dau. *Judith*, 5s/-, and to her husband, *William Turton*, 12d.; and to my grandchildren, 20s/- each. To my bror., *Michael Perkins*, £5. To my son-in-law, *Mr. Francis Roberts*, 20s/-. Resid. legatee and extrix., my wife *Mary*. Overseers, *Francis Roberts* and *John Perkins*. Signed, *Simon Perkins*. Wits., *Fran. Roberts*, *William Perkins*, *Richard Sherat* (mark), *John Perkins* and *John Higgins* (mark). Proved 13 Nov. 1641, in P.C.C. (147 Evelyn), by the extrix.

JOHN PERKINS, of the city of Lichfield, mercer. Will dated 27 Mch. 1684. In health of body, etc. To *Simon Perkins*, my son, all that cottage or tenement with a croft and right of common in Cannock Wood, which I hold under *Lord Pagett* by copy of court roll, in tenure of *John Nevall* or his assigns; three bays of barning in Wade Street, that next adjoining to the barn now in tenure of *Mr. William Pott*; two acres of arable land lying together in a field called Lee Field; one acre in Burrow Copp; one acre of land in Dovehouse field, part of the two acres that join to the land; the barn and acres of land now in my own occupation; he, the said *Simon Perkins*, paying £4 yearly to charitable uses, according to the will of *Mrs. Mary Perkins*, my mother, decd. To said son, *Simon Perkins*, house or tenement, with stables, etc., which I now inhabit (excepting those bays of building adjoining to Wade Street next unto the barn in the holding of *Mr. William Pott* as before mentioned), together with a lease of three rooms under part of the Guild Hall, which I hold of the Bailiff and citizens of Lichfield, with the residue of the term of years in said lease unexpired at my death; all that croft called School House Croft, adjoining to School House Lane; and all that arable land lying together with a parcel of meadow therein

adjoining in a common field called Sandford Field (after two acres shall be marked and set forth on the farther side of the long lands there, which is towards my wife's jointure), containing about seven acres more or less ; and that one acre adjoining to the land in the same field ; and all that land in Michell Hill (after two acres shall be marked and set forth on the hither side of the Flatt towards my wife's jointure), containing about eight acres ; one acre of arable land lying in Boley Bottom, which was given me by *Mr. Alexander Budd* ; one acre of land lying in Lee Field adjoining to a pit there, part of the land I purchased of *William Chapman* ; all which premises mentioned to go to my son *Simon*. To said son *Simon*, after the death of *Ruth Perkins*, my wife, all that tenement, garden, etc., now in tenure of *Thomas Clarke*, baker, in Sandford Street, he the said *Simon* to pay 24^s/- yearly to twelve poor widows according to the gift of *Mrs. Margery Budd*, decd., viz., twelve shillings on Good Friday, and twelve shillings on St. Thomas Day, and I give unto him all other the barns, crofts, and all other lands mentioned in my wife's jointure, all which my father purchased of *Mr. Alexander Budd*, to him and his heirs for ever. To *Ruth Perkins*, my wife, all those two leases that I hold from the Bailiff and citizens of Lichfield, of the Mills of said city, and four acres of field land, with all privileges and remainder of unexpired term. To *Mary Rutter*, my dau., 20^s/-. To *Ruth Perkins*, my dau., £120, £50 part thereof being in the hands of my son *Simon Perkins*, by bond, the rest to be raised out of my personal estate and paid on her marriage or six months after my decease. To *Ester Perkins*, my dau., £110, and the same to *Rebecca Perkins*, my dau., to be raised out of the house, garden, hemp butt, and all the enclosed land and meadowing belonging to house now in tenure of *Richard Cooper*, in Alrewas, co. Staffs., with all appurtenances, the said house to be sold to raise said sum, and whereas I cannot dispose of said house and land by my will, yet having had the consent of my son *Simon* for performance of same I hope he will make this my will good notwithstanding. If my said daus., *Ester* and *Rebeckah*, shall not have the sum of £110 apiece paid them out of the house, etc., at Alrewas, then I will that the house I now live in, formerly herein given to my son *Simon*, shall be sold and equally divided between them, and my son *Simon* to have the said house at Alrewas. To *Sarah Perkins*, my dau., the benefit of a lease of a house I hold from the Master of the Hospital of St. John the Baptist, and of a lease I hold from the Vicars Choral of Lichfield of a croft in Shawe Lane, etc., as by an assignment by me, to my son, *Simon Perkins*, and *Mr. Isaac Hinckley*, as more at large appeareth, for her use until she is 21 or marries (if lives in said leases so long time), and then to enjoy them herself. To said *Sarah Perkins*, £40 out of my personal estate at age of 21 or within a year of my decease. My exors to pay to each of my daus. the legacy left them by *Mr. Edmund Lathwell* (? *Lathnell*), decd., within a year of my death, viz., to *Ruth*, *Ester*, *Rebeckah* and *Sarah*, £10 apiece (the rest of my children being paid their legacies already). To my kinswomen, *Mrs. Elizabeth Hinckley* and *Mrs. Judith Clare*, 20^s/- apiece. To each of my household servants at the time of my decease, 5^s/- apiece. Exors., loving wife, *Ruth Perkins*, and loving son, *Simon Perkins*, they to have residue of personal estate. My

loving wife, *Ruth Perkins*, to have use of household goods for life, if she continue a widow, she to give not away from my own children more than 40^s/-. Overseers, my loving friends, *Mr. Ralph Minors*, and *John Browne*, of this city, baker, they to have 10^s/- apiece. Signed, *John Perkins*. Wits., *John Brown*, *Pet: Brown* and *William Jackson*. Inventory dated 30 Apl. 1685; appraisers, *William Jesson*, of Lichfield, gent., *Isaac Hinckley*, of same, gent., and *Thomas Rutter*, of same, tanner; total, £526-2-9. Proved 2 May 1685, at Lichfield, by *Ruth Perkins* and *Simon Perkins*, the exors.

ELEANOR BAYLEY, wife of *Thomas Bayley*, of the city of Lichfield, fellmonger. Will dated 16 Mch. 1697. To be burd. at discretion of dear husband. In accordance with an agreement made at the time of my marriage, that I should have the disposal of the sum of £50 if I died without issue, I give the same £50 and all other my goods and chattels and personal estate to my said dear husband, *Thomas Bayley*, and make him sole exor. of this my will. Signed, *Eleanor Bayley*. Wits., *John Barker*, *Mary Barker* and *Isaac Hinckley*. Proved 30 Apl. 1698, at Lichfield, by *Thomas Bayley*, the exor.

RUTH PERKINS, of the city of Lichfield, widow. Will dated 9 Sept. 1699. To my three daus., *Mary Rutter*, *Easter Lowe* and *Ruth Bayley*, all my bonds, bills, book debts, etc., equally. To my dau., *Mary Rutter*, two silver spoons, and to my cousin, *John Rutter*, her son, one silver spoon. To my dau., *Easter Lowe*, two silver spoons, and the same to my dau., *Ruth Bayley*. To my son-in-law, *William Berrick*, one ginney. To all my grandchildren living at my decease, 10^s/- apiece. To my cousin, *Samuel Chiswell*, 10^s/-. To my cousin, *Judith Clare*, 10^s/-, and to her dau., *Judith Clare*, 5^s/-. To my cousin, *John Wakelin*, 10^s/-. To *John Browne*, and *Hannah Browne* his wife, 5^s/- each. To my cousin, *Elizabeth Hinkley*, 10^s/-. All residue to son-in-law, *Thomas Bayley*, and *Ruth Bayley* his wife, and appoint them sole exors. I order that £20 be spent and given away about my funeral charges, and no larger sum. Signed, *Ruth Perkins*. Wits., *John Roe*, *Joan Fowler* and *Enock Gregg*. Inventory dated 3 Jan. 1700/1; appraisers, *John Browne* and *Tho: Browne*; wearing apparel and money in purse, £10, bonds, £42-10-0; total, £52-10-0. Proved 1 Feb. 1700/1, at Lichfield, by *Thomas Bayley*, power reserved to the other extrix.

THOMAS BAYLEY, of the city of Lichfield, fellmonger. Will dated 31 Oct. 1704. "Aged, but of sound and perfect mind." To wife, *Ruth Bayley*, my messuage in Market Street, Lichfield, adjoining to house of *Mr. John Barker* on one side and house of late *Mr. William Throppe* on other side, with five acres of land in field in Lichfield called Boly botham, and three acres in another field in Lichfield known as Walker's Croft, for life, and then to heirs of her body by me lawfully begotten or to be begotten; and after her decease, for want of such issue, to *Thomas Bayley*, son of *John Bayley*, my nephew, for his life, he paying my legacies; with remainder to *William Bayley*, son of said *John Bayley*, for his life, and after his decease to the right heirs of said *Thomas Bayley*. But if said *Thomas Bayley* die without issue, then said premises to said *William*

Bayley and his heirs. To *Mary Bayley*, who now liveth with *Thomas Browne*, in the city of Lichfield, £5. To *Sarah Watson*, of Tamworth, £2-10-0. To *Thomas Bayley* and his sister *Katherine*, both of Birmingham, 40^s/- each. To coz. *Richard Onions* and his wife, 10^s/- each. To wife, *Ruth Bayley*, my Vittans lease for life, then to heirs of her body by me begotten, etc., and in default to *Mary Rutter*, dau. of *Thomas Rutter*, late of Lichfield, decd. After debts, etc., are discharged, rest of money, debts, goods, etc., and all other real and personal estate, to wife, *Ruth Bayley*, and she to be extrix. Signed, *Thom. Bayly*. Wits., *John Browne*, *Enoch* × *Gregg* and *John Wakelin*. Inventory dated 18 Sept. 1707, by *Tho. Browne*, Schoolmaster, and *Edwd. Burton*, inholder; total, £115-13-4. Proved 23 Sept. 1707, at Lichfield, by the extrix.

RUTH BAYLEY, of the city of Lichfield, widow. Will dated 11 June 1711. "In reasonably good health." To coz. *John Rutter*, my messuage, etc., in Bore Street, Lichfield, and also the tenements which I hold of the Bayliffs and Corporation of the city of Lichfield, during remainder of my lease, on condition that he pay to his brother, *Thomas Rutter*, £30, and to his sister, *Mary Rutter*, £10, and to his sister, *Ann Rutter*, £20. To said *Ann Rutter*, bed, bedsteads, and all furniture in the room next the street adjoining the Town Hall, in the house wherein I now dwell. To said *Thomas Rutter*, two acres of arable land in Lichfield, one called Boley Botham field, and the other Dovehouse field. To coz. *Thomas Lowe*, £10. To my bror. and sister *Lowe's* four daus., £10 each. To coz. *Mrs. Judith Clare*, widow, 40^s/-. To coz. *Samuel Chiswell*, 40^s/-. To kinsman, *Isaac Hinckley*, one guinea. The charity money given by my grandmother *Perkins* to be paid as usual. All rest of goods and personal estate, half to bror. and sister *Lowe*, and half to sister, *Mrs. Mary Rutter*. Exors., bror.-in-law, *Mr. Samuel Lowe*, and sister, *Mary Rutter*. Signed, *Ruth Bayley*. Wits., *Isaac Hinckley*, *Mary* × *Lovatt* and *Thos. Hinckley*. Inventory dated 16 Oct. 1712, by *Thos. Browne*, of Lichfield, Schoolmaster, and *Edward Burton*, of same, gent.; total, £90-6-0. Proved 4 Aug. 1713, at Lichfield, by *Samuel Lowe* and *Mary Rutter*, the exors.

JOHN RUTTER, late of Lichfield. Admon. granted 15 Jan. 1736/7, at Lichfield, to *Elizabeth Rutter*, widow, the relict. Sureties, *John Jordan*, of Aldrich, co. Staffs., clerk, and *William Budget*, of Lichfield, labourer. No inventory.

NARRATIVE PEDIGREE

SIMON PERKINS, of Lichfield, tanner; Junior Bailiff of Lichfield in 1624, and Senior Bailiff in 1633; burd. 4 Sept. 1641, at St. Michael's, Lichfield. Will dated 17 May 1641, and proved 13 Nov. 1641, in P.C.C. Mard. 28 Nov. 1602, at St. Michael's, Lichfield, to *Mary Temple*, and by her, who was burd. 11 Apl. 1643, at St. Mary's, Lichfield, left issue,

I. *JOHN PERKINS*, of whom presently.

II. William Perkins, living 17 May 1641.

- I. Judith Perkins, bapt. 20 Nov. 1603, at St. Mary's, Lichfield; mard. 24 June 1628, at St. Mary's, Lichfield, to William Turton, of Hatley Heath, West Bromwich, who was bapt. 14 Oct. 1629, at West Bromwich, son of Thomas Turton, of that place. She was burd. 28 June 1682, at St. Michael's, Lichfield, having had, with other issue, a dau.,

Elizabeth Turton, bapt. 13 Nov. 1640, at West Bromwich; mard. 18 May 1673, at Wolverhampton, to Isaac Hinckley, of Wade Street, Lichfield, attorney-at-law. He was "reputed 47" in 1695, and burd. 11 May 1715, at St. Michael's, Lichfield, admon. of his estate being granted 9 June 1715, in P.C.C. She was burd. 19 Sept. 1707, at St. Michael's, Lichfield, having had, with perhaps other issue,

Judith Hinckley, bapt. 14 May 1674, at St. Mary's, Lichfield; burd. 16 June 1686/7, at St. Michael's, Lichfield.

Mary Hinckley, bapt. 27 June 1677, at St. Mary's, Lichfield. Mard. William Potts, gent., Junior Bailiff of Lichfield in 1716. She was living 9 June 1715, and he was burd. 23 Nov. 1724, at St. Chad's, Lichfield.

Isaac Hinckley, bapt. 24 June 1682, at St. Mary's, Lichfield.

- II. Mary Perkins, mard. 14 Oct. 1635, at St. Michael's, Lichfield, to Francis Roberts; both living 17 May 1641.

JOHN PERKINS, *elder son of Simon Perkins preceding and Mary Temple his wife*; of Lichfield, mercer; Sheriff of City in 1653, and Junior Bailiff in 1655; burd. 12 Mch. 1684/5, at St. Michael's, Lichfield. Will dated 27 Mch. 1684, proved 2 May 1685, at Lichfield. Mard. Ruth, aged "70" in 1695, and burd. 6 Jan. 1699/1700, at St. Michael's, Lichfield, and by her, whose will, dated 9 Sept. 1699, was proved 1 Feb. 1700/1, at Lichfield, had issue,

John Perkins, bapt. 4 Mch. 1659/60, at St. Mary's, Lichfield; not mentioned in father's will of 27 Mch. 1684.

Simon Perkins, living 2 May 1685; not mentioned in mother's will of 9 Sept. 1699.

- I. Mary Perkins, bapt. 4 May 1654, at St. Mary's, Lichfield; mard. 24 Aug. 1683, at St. Chad's, Lichfield, to Thomas Rutter, of Stowe Street, Lichfield, tanner, who was aged "44" in 1695. He was burd. 20 Dec. 1702, at St. Michael's, Lichfield, his will, dated 3 Nov. 1702, being proved 17 Apl. 1703, at Lichfield. By her, who was burd. 21 Aug. 1719, at St. Michael's, Lichfield, he had issue,
 1. John Rutter, of Stowe Street, Lichfield, tanner; Sheriff in 1731; bapt. 18 Mch. 1685/6, at St. Chad's, Lichfield; burd. 28 Dec. 1736, at St. Chad's, Lichfield; admon. granted 15 Jan. 1736/7, at Lichfield. Mard. Elizabeth (? dau. of Thomas Jordan, lord of the manor of

- Aldridge, co. Staffs., by Mary his wife, dau. of William Saunders, of Shareshill, co. Staffs.) ; living a widow, 15 Jan. 1736/7 ; ? burd. 5 Mch. 1772, aged 94, at St. Chad's, Lichfield.
2. Thomas Rutter, bapt. 13 Jan. 1694/5, at St. Chad's, Lichfield ; aged " 6 " (? months) in 1695 ; living 11 June 1711.
 1. Mary Rutter, bapt. 8 May 1684, at St. Chad's, Lichfield ; aged " 12 " in 1695 ; unmard., 11 June 1711.
 2. Ann Rutter, bapt. 3 Apl. 1688, at St. Chad's, Lichfield ; mard. 14 Apl. 1719/20, at St. Mary's, Lichfield, to William Francis.
- II. Ruth Perkins, bapt. 17 Feb. 1655/6, at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; mar. 21 Oct. 1698, at St. Mary's, Lichfield, as his second wife, to Thomas Bayley, of Market Street, Lichfield, fellmonger. She died without issue, and was burd. 14 Oct. 1712, at St. Michael's, Lichfield, her will, dated 11 June 1711, being proved 4 Aug. 1713, at Lichfield. Thomas Bayley, son of John Bayley, of Sadler Street, Lichfield, gent., and of Joan his wife, was bapt. 20 July 1637, at St. Mary's, Lichfield, and burd. 3 Sept. 1707, at St. Michael's, Lichfield, his will, dated 31 Oct. 1704, being proved 23 Sept. 1707, at Lichfield. His first wife, Eleanor, aged " 52 " in 1695, also died without issue, and was burd. 20 Apl. 1698, at St. Mary's, Lichfield, her will, dated 16 Mch. 1697, being proved 30 Apl. 1698, at Lichfield.
- III. Hester Perkins, bapt. 2 Mch. 1657/8, at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; unmard. 27 Mch. 1684 ; mard. Samuel Lowe, and was living as his wife on 11 June 1711.
- IV. Rebecca Perkins, bapt. 27 Mch. 1662, at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; unmard. 27 Mch. 1684 ; dead 9 Sept. 1699.
- V. Sarah Perkins, bapt. 6 Apl. 1665/6, at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; unmard. and under 21, 27 Mch. 1684 ; dead 9 Sept. 1699. Either she or her sister Rebecca must have mard. William Berwick, Junior Bailiff of Lichfield in 1704, who was living a childless widower, aged " 32," in Sadler Street, Lichfield, in 1695.

“MR. HOLLYER OF COVENTRY,” AND HIS CONNEXION WITH THE JOHNSONS

ON pages 223-4 of *The Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry* I gave what particulars I then could of the family of “Mr. Hollyer of Coventry,” to whom Johnson wrote on 6 December 1774 to seek information about the finances of “our cousin Thomas Johnson,” “a man equally or almost equally related to both of us.” His letter confesses “no acquaintance” with Mr. Hollyer, though the nature of the common relationship was evidently known to him.

I had then to confess inability to explain the connexion between the Johnsons and the Hollyers, and now, after further enquiry extending over a long period and covering a considerable variety of records, I am still in the same position of ignorance. I suggested at the reference cited that the particular Mr. Hollyer in question might be John Hollyer, of Coventry, silkman, who was living in 1792 and 1793. But this John Hollyer was only born in 1760: Johnson's correspondent was his father, an elder John Hollyer, who was a wine merchant in Coventry.

The particulars I printed over thirty years ago consisted of abstracts of four wills and one administration, from the Lichfield Probate Court, of Hollyers of Coventry, between 1700 and 1800. Since then I have got a list of the earlier Hollyer wills there, from 1660 to 1700, but there were none to help. The abstracts I now print were the result of getting a list of Hollyer wills in P.C.C., from 1660 to 1850. But the bulk of the new evidence consists of Hollyer entries extracted from the registers of the two principal Coventry churches, Holy Trinity and St. Michael's. The registers of Holy Trinity begin in 1561, but the search was only started in 1680. The registers of St. Michael's begin in 1698, and the search there was from the commencement. Perhaps if the search at Holy Trinity were carried back from 1680 it might throw light on the earlier pedigree. But I have concentrated on trying to solve the problem of the connexion between the Hollyers and the Johnsons, and I do not think it likely that any evidence before 1680 would be likely to help. For most of the searching in the Coventry registers I am indebted, as so often, to my friend Mr. A. W. Read, of Leicester, as well as for various other items bearing

on the family. The registers of St. John's, Coventry, begin in 1734, but no search has been made in them.

I have a list of Hollyer Chancery Suits for 1714-1758 (plaintiffs only), which covers the period in which there seemed most chance of finding evidence bearing on the main problem, but there was nothing that looked likely to help.

As there was evidence of the Hollyers having some connexion with Allesley, a village two miles outside Coventry, I had the registers searched from 1680 to 1800, but the entries there, though interesting and of value, were only few in number, and as they did not begin till 1716 it does not look as if the family had previously been settled at Allesley. As will be seen, the branch of the family connected with the Johnsons was mostly associated with St. Michael's, and it is rather a pity the registers of that church are not extant for the period before 1698.

At every turn in my investigation of the Hollyer pedigree I have been faced with some problem that has refused to yield to research. To begin with, the parentage of John Hollyer the first, father of Johnson's correspondent, has not been certainly established. In order to clear the ground I have not only drawn out the pedigree of his family (**A**), but have also assembled the bulk of the remaining register entries into two subsidiary pedigrees, **B**. and **C**., putting against each such entry the reference letter of the pedigree into which it falls. It will be seen that only a small percentage of the entries refuse attachment to any of the three pedigrees, and of this residue a number could probably be coaxed in. Additional confusion is caused by the variations in spelling—Hollyer, Hollier, Hellier, Holliard, Hallier, Helliard, Halliard, etc., representing no real distinction between persons or families. For uniformity I have adopted the first spelling, which is still used by the family.

The will of Miss Mary Hollier, of Coventry, aunt of Johnson's correspondent, made in 1762, mentioned the children of her sister, Barbara Bayley. Now this Barbara Hollyer was married to John Bayly, in 1716, at Holy Trinity, under a licence describing her as from Coundon, in Holy Trinity parish, and with Joseph Hollier, of Coundon, standing surety. This invested with a special significance the first entry found at Allesley—the burial in 1716 of Barbara, wife of Joseph

Hollier of Coundon.* It made it seem extremely probable that Joseph Hollier was her father, and this Barbara her mother. That the name of Barbara made a special appeal to the family at this time is suggested by the fact that one Joseph Hollier, of Coventry, and Elizabeth his wife, christened no fewer than three daughters by it, in 1716, 1719 and 1727, who all died at a very early age. There were no other Barbaras in the family, and the name acts as a pointer to kinships that might otherwise have not been apparent. The same Miss Mary Hollier who mentions her sister, Barbara Bayley, in 1762, also mentions the children of her brother, Joseph Hollyer, whom I take to be the father of the three Barbaras.

When we come to try to identify the two Joseph Hollyers, father and son, with the register entries relating to persons of the same name at that period, we find ourselves confronted with serious difficulties. "Mr. Joseph Holliar," clearly a man of some local importance, was buried at St. Michael's on 18 January 1731/2, and administration of the estate of this same "Joseph Hallier," late of the city of Coventry, was granted to Margery his widow on 21 February 1731/2. They had a son Joseph buried at St. Michael's on 9 November 1727, probably the Joseph who was baptized there on 3 January 1719/20. Then there was a Joseph Hollier, whose age or standing is not indicated, buried at the same church on 1 July 1734. His will, however, dated 28 June 1734 and proved 25 October 1734, shews that he had a wife Elizabeth, and children unnamed. This may be the Joseph Hollyer whom I have shewn in Pedigree A., as son of Joseph Hollyer of Coundon, for his wife too was Elizabeth and their children were born between 1714 and 1728.† Here again, however, is a snag, for there was a Joseph Hollier married to Elizabeth Betteson at Holy Trinity on 1 September 1724. At Allesley we find a Joseph Hillier married to Mary Carter on 1 October 1719, she being buried there on 23 December 1722. More puzzling, Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Hollier of Coundon, was buried at Allesley on 18 August 1723. We might

* At the last moment, I find that a licence was issued from Lichfield in 1687 for the marriage at Wyken, three miles from Coventry, of Joseph Hollier and Barbara Brown. This suggests a search of the Wyken register, which dates from 1600.

† The will of Miss Mary Hollier, in 1762, already quoted, does not refer to her brother Joseph as "deceased," but I feel pretty sure he was one of the various Joseph Holliers of Coventry who died before her.

imagine that the Joseph Hollyer mentioned already as attached by me to Pedigree A., with a number of children all by "Elizabeth," had really had two wives of that name, the first of whom died in August 1723, but the dates of baptism of the said children do not seem to allow of it. "Mr. Joseph Hollier from Coventry" was buried at Allesley on 28 July 1744, but there is no will to identify him more closely. "Mrs. Elizabeth Hollier from Coventry," also buried there on 30 August 1746, may have been the widow of one of the Josephs I have mentioned. A Joseph Hollier, of Meriden, half-a-dozen miles away, was married at St. Michael's, in 1725, to Sarah Whittingham, of Coventry, introducing a fresh complication.

The remainder of the register entries relating to Hollyers at Coventry and Allesley are few in number, and suggest no special problems—except perhaps one, the burial of "Mr. Hollier" at St. Michael's on 30 November 1743. Who was this tantalising individual?

When we come to John Hollyer the first, assumed by me to be son of Joseph Hollyer of Coundon, we are on sure ground and can follow his descendants down to the present day. These descendants, it may be explained, have in their possession a chart pedigree of the family drawn up a good many years ago for Mr. W. Goodwin Barnes, who, as shewn in Pedigree A., married Lillie Hollyer in 1868. The early portion, which was evidently the main cause for its compilation, deals mostly with the Sanderson family, and does not concern us. It is not until we come to the Rev. Thomas Sanderson, described as of Bitteswell, co. Leicester, and as marrying Anna Maria, daughter of John Fryer, M.D., F.R.S. (of whom there is an account in the *Dict. Nat. Biog.*), that we touch the Hollyers, his eldest daughter appearing as "Susannah md. first to Barford Watts* then to Jno. Hollyer of Hollyerst and Allesley Warwick (son of Jno. Hollyer of Radford)." This John Hollyer who married Susanna Sanderson was Johnson's correspondent. It is interesting to find the connexion of the Hollyers with Allesley, and with Radford, stated here. I have discovered no such place as "Hollyerst," and as the pedigree is of a sketchy and inaccurate character I think the name may very well be the result of

* On 4 July 1777 a Barford Stretton Watts was witness to the marriage of Benjamin Bateman to Ann Cattell, at Holy Trinity, Coventry.

some misreading or confusion. No dates are attached to any of the persons I have mentioned.

John Hollyer, the main object of our interest, is himself a rather unsatisfactory person, for neither his baptism nor his burial has been discovered. His marriage to Susanna (Sanderson), the widow of Barford Watts, must have occurred between 1741, when Barford Watts was still alive, and 1744, when his daughter Susanna Hollyer was born. But we do not know where, or exactly when, it took place. We have the baptisms of his children at Holy Trinity, ranging from 1744 to 1764. We have Johnson's letter to him of 6 December 1774, shewing him still resident at Coventry. And we have the burial at Holy Trinity, on 20 January 1790, of "Mrs. Susanna Hollyer, widow of Mr. John from Radford." But we have no record of his death, either in the form of a burial entry, or in the proof of his will, or in any administration of his estate. It is very strange, for he was obviously a man of some standing and consequence.

Mr. Frederick Thomas Hollyer, for whose help I must express my indebtedness, kindly sends me the following copy of a letter of Johnson's which has descended in the family :—

SIR

I desire y know, what children of Mr.
 are now living, what are their name what is
 their condition. Be pleased to make possible haste.

I am

Sir

Your most humble Servant

SAM: JOHNSON.

Bolt Court, Fleet Street.

Nov. 27, 1784.

Dr. Chapman, who is preparing the new edition of Johnson's letters, conjectures, very naturally, that this brief note was written to Hollyer (*Review of English Studies*, vol. 13, 1937, p. 174). Its descent in the Hollyer family, allied to the fact that Johnson had previously corresponded with John Hollyer, seems to leave little doubt on the point, and if we accept the conjecture we can advance the certain date of John Hollyer being alive for another ten years, from 6 December 1774 to 27 November 1784. The tearing off of a portion of the letter has removed the name of the person whose children he was enquiring after,

but there can scarcely be a doubt that it was his cousin Tom Johnson, the playfellow of his childhood, who had settled in Coventry as a currier at least as early as 1755 (*ante*, IV., 36). On 27 November 1784 Johnson was within little more than a fortnight of his death, and his thoughts were centred on making some provision for his needy kinsfolk.* Two days later he wrote to Dr. Vyse enquiring about his relative, Charles Skrymsher, but found he was dead and that none of his family could be traced (see *post*, p. 112). He made his last will on 8 December 1784, in which no relatives are mentioned (Hill's *Boswell*, rev. Powell, IV., 402). The answer to his enquiries about Thomas Johnson's children evidently came almost immediately afterwards, for the next day he added a codicil in which they and their children again are referred to with some particularity, though he was not able to give the Christian names of the two females who were to benefit (*ibid.*, IV., 402-3). Mr. Hollyer, if he was indeed the informant, had probably not been able to discover them in the brief time allowed by such an urgent enquiry.

Another very interesting letter of Johnson's which also descended in the Hollyer family was one addressed to his cousin, the said Thomas Johnson of Coventry, of which Mr. Frederick T. Hollyer has kindly sent me a photograph. It was given by his father, Frederick Hollyer [1837-1933],† during the Great War, to the Red Cross Society, and sold by them at Christies'. Mr. Hollyer tells me that he has found the following note written years ago by his father relative to this letter :—

To his cousin Thomas Johnson,—shortly after (1771) it came into the possession of John Hollyer of Warwick, a connection by marriage of Thomas Johnson, the connecting link being the daughter of Parson Ford.

* As bearing on this, and on his care for other kinsfolk, we must remember what he said to Boswell, at Slains Castle, on 25 August 1773 :—"He talked of the advantage of keeping up the connections of relationship, which produce much kindness. 'Every man (said he,) who comes into the world, has need of friends. If he has to get them for himself, half his life is spent, before his merit is known. Relations are a man's ready friends, who support him. When a man is in real distress, he flies into the arms of his relations. An old lawyer, who had much experience in making wills, told me, that after people had deliberated long, and thought of many for their executors, they settled at last by fixing on their relations. This shews the universality of the principle.'"—*Tour to Hebrides*, ed. R. W. Chapman, 1924, p. 226.

† The pedigree shews to what a great age Samuel Hollyer [1797-1883] and several other sons besides Frederick lived.

Of course the letter, which runs as follows, cannot have come into the possession of John Hollyer in 1771, as it was not written till 1777 :—

DEAR TOM

Our good friend Mr. Rann* very kindly requires that I should give you some token of reconciliation. Neither You nor I have any time to spare for quarrels or grudges. I desire you to think no more of what you may have done wrong with respect to me, and to consider me as

Your affectionate Kinsman
and Friend

My service to your Wife.

SAM: JOHNSON

Dec. 16 : 1777.

This is a charming note, and illustrates the finest and most liberal side of Johnson's character. We can all provide the needy with money, when we have it to spare, but we cannot all forgive so generously those who over a long period have taken advantage of our kindness. It is evident from Johnson's letter to John Hollyer of 6 December 1774 that even then his cousin had been sponging on him for some years, without shewing any consciousness of his financial improprieties (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 224).

To recur to the major problem, the nature of the connexion between John Hollyer and the Johnsons, the present Hollyer family can throw no light on it, though some of them are said to have tried in the past. A descendant of Samuel Statham, who married John Hollyer's daughter Catherine in 1782, the Rev. S. P. H. Statham, whose genealogical interests are evidenced by his *Family of Statham*, 1925 (which should be consulted for particulars of the Stathams), told me it was "an old tradition in his family" that John Hollyer's mother, Catherine, wife of John Hollyer the first, was a sister of Johnson's mother, Sarah Ford. The tradition was certainly an old one in the family, for Samuel Statham's grandson, the Rev. Francis Freeman Statham [1814 ?-84], father of my informant, communicated the letter to John Hollyer to Miss Langton, who in 1846 passed it on to Croker, whose note states that "Mr. Hollyer was the son of an aunt [of Johnson's], one of the Fords" (Croker's *Boswell*, new ed., 1890, p. 427). But, as I told Mr. Statham, Sarah Ford's sisters are all accounted for,

* The Rev. Joseph Rann [1733 ?-1811], Vicar of Holy Trinity, Coventry (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 224).

and there was no Catherine among them.* As Birkbeck Hill remarked, "the tone of the letter however is not that of a man who is writing to so near a relation as his first cousin" (*Letters of Samuel Johnson*, I., 302). Besides, Johnson, in addition to claiming "no acquaintance" with Hollyer, so very explicitly alludes to Tom Johnson as "a man equally or almost equally related to both of us" as to convince us that though the said Tom Johnson was related to both of them they were not related to each other.

The will of John Hollyer the first, dated 1 February 1747/8, appoints as one of his overseers his brother-in-law, William Abell, of Coventry, maltster. Here there seemed a chance of getting light on who his wife was, but an abstract of this brother-in-law's will, made a year or two later, provided no clue at all:—

WILLIAM ABELL, of the City of Coventry, maltster. Will dated 29 Jan. 1749. To be burd. in St. Michael's church, in the same grave of my dear and loving wife. To all the children of my sister *Harris*, decd., £10 each at 21. To my nephew, *Bartho: Abell*, £100 twelve months after my death or at 21. To my niece, *Eliz: Abell*, £100 at discretion of exor. To godson, *Benjamin Walker*, son of *Thomas Walker*, of Wishaw, £5, and same to my goddau., *Sarah Higginbotham*, of Wishaw. To well beloved bro., *John Abell*, of Sapcote, whom I make exor., all household goods, stock-in-trade, etc., hoping he will have a special regard to my niece, *Bett Abell*, in making his will in her favour. Signed, *William Abell*. Endorsed, "There is no need of witnesses it being all wrote with my own hand and all personable estate. W. ABELL." Proved 18 Feb. 1750, at Lichfield, by *John Abell*, the sole exor.

One can only say from this that it does not look as if John Hollyer had married a sister of William Abell, for if so his children would probably have been among the beneficiaries.

There is, however, a definite and very tantalising clue in this connexion. In a previous article we have seen (p. 28) that when Thomas Collier, of Bishton, in the parish of Colwich, Staffordshire, died in 1765, administration of his estate was granted for the benefit of the children to their "kinsman," John Hollier, of Radford, in the city of Coventry, gent. This was no other than the John Hollyer with whom Johnson

* Perhaps one of the best proofs that Johnson's mother had no sister married to a Hollyer is afforded by the will of her rich aunt, Mrs. Harriotts, dated 23 Oct. 1726, in which a long recital of relatives on every side includes no one of the name (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, pp. 193-5).

corresponded, but the nature of his relationship to the Colliers is unknown. And Thomas Collier was the first husband of Johnson's relative, Mary Dunn, whose second husband, Thomas Flint, was Dr. Taylor's factotum at Ashburne. But this does not help us, for the connexion between Johnson and Mrs. Flint remains as obscure as that with the Hollyers. When mystery thus impinges upon mystery the truth is often revealed, but here there is no such happy result, and we are left completely in the dark. In estimating the significance of the connexion between Thomas Collier and John Hollyer we must bear in mind that Colwich is well over thirty miles from Coventry, and in an area where we should expect few genealogical ties with that town.

I can offer no explanation of the relationship between John Hollyer and Tom Johnson, which one gathers from Johnson's letter was, like his own relationship to Tom Johnson, that of first cousins. The qualification he introduces by the phrase "equally *or almost equally* related to both of us," suggests to me that he was drawing a distinction between a relationship connecting persons of the same name and what he might consider the less close relationship that came only through females. As I remarked years ago, Johnson was "pronouncedly patriarchal in his views" (*ante*, III., 5), and he evidently estimated relationships on the male side as of much greater importance than those on the female side. In 1770, though he then had first cousins living on his mother's side as well, he yet told Lucy Porter that "Tom Johnson is my nearest relation" (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 223). If John Hollyer were only cousin to Tom Johnson on the female side, he would not rank it quite with his own cousinship. Yet this provides us with no key, for Tom Johnson's mother, the second of Andrew Johnson's wives, was a daughter of Thomas Fisher, of Elmdon, and there is no evidence of any connexion between the Fishers and the Hollyers (*ibid.*, pp. 222-3). Any connexion between either Andrew Johnson's first or third wives and the Hollyers would not involve Tom Johnson in any blood relationship to them. The fact of Tom Johnson having been as a boy under his uncle Michael at Lichfield, probably in the parchment manufactory, may seem to lend significance to some of the Coventry Hollyers, though not the ones in which we are immediately interested, having at that period been whittawers and parchment manufacturers themselves

(see *post*, p. 80).* It may have been through the Hollyers that Tom Johnson came to settle in Coventry as a currier.

When we advance to the next generation in the family we are confronted with another unsolved problem. John Hollyer the third, son of Johnson's correspondent, increased the confusion by also taking a wife named Susanna, who is described in the family pedigree as "dau. Rev. — Ford of Warwick." In the *Dictionary of American Biography*, that recent and excellent child of our own D.N.B., there is an account of their grandson, Samuel Hollyer [1826-1919], "the last of the old school of American line-engravers," which, strangely enough, first enabled me to get into touch with the English representatives of the family. This account speaks of "his grandfather, John Hollyer, who married a relative of Dr. Samuel Johnson," thus introducing a fresh complication, either by putting the connexion with Johnson a generation forward, or by making it a double one, recurring in two successive generations. Even if Susanna were a Ford, and akin to Samuel Johnson, it would not make her father-in-law, John Hollyer the second, any relation to Tom Johnson. As this Susanna was described as 75 when she died in 1824 we must accept that age and date her birth about 1749; and as her eldest child was born in 1780 her marriage to John Hollyer must have taken place in that year or very little earlier, for he was much her junior and not born till 1760. But no record of it can be found about that period at either of the Warwick churches, St. Nicholas or St. Mary's. Nor have I found record of any clergyman named Ford in Warwick then,† and the name Susanna is unknown in the Ford family to which Johnson's mother belonged. In the possession of Mr. Frederick T. Hollyer is a clock containing an inscription written many years ago by his father, Frederick Hollyer, which runs as follows :—

* Mr. Read tells me that in the Coventry Reference Library is the minute book of the local Fellowship of Whittawers, Glovers, Fellmongers and Parchment Makers, for the period 1675-1826, but it has not been examined.

† We have seen the statement in the late Frederick Hollyer's note on the letter to Thomas Johnson in 1777 that John Hollyer was "a connection by marriage of Thomas Johnson, the connecting link being the daughter of Parson Ford." To Johnsonians "Parson Ford" always stands for the Doctor's first cousin, the Rev. Cornelius Ford [1694-1731] (see *ante*, pp. 1-15), who left no children, and who, from his dates, certainly cannot have been the "Rev. — Ford" whose daughter Susanna is said to have married John Hollyer the third.

This clock by Mason of Warwick was in the possession of my grandfather John Hollyer living in that town in 1779—after his death in 1833 it came to my aunt Mary Ann,

and so on. This connects John Hollyer, who was a silkman, with Warwick at the very time when we should expect his marriage to take place, but there is no other evidence of his association with the town, which in any case must have been of very short duration. His wife Susanna may have been born a Ford, but better evidence of it is required.

It is rather curious that Samuel Statham, the son-in-law of Johnson's correspondent, John Hollyer,* should have been in partnership as a hosier at Nottingham with Thomas Martin [1749-95], who was a grandson of Johnson's celebrated schoolmaster, the Rev. John Hunter, and son of the Rev. Samuel Martin, whom Johnson sought to succeed in 1739 as Headmaster of Appleby Grammar School (*ante*, VI., 101-3; VII., 175-6). Anna Seward, after the sudden death of this cousin, in 1795, while addressing a public meeting, alluded to him as "one of the most eminent of the merchants engaged in the hosiery manufacture of Nottingham," and as "in partnership with Mr. Statham, a man of fortune superior to his own" (*ante*, VII., 171). Samuel Statham was a son of Samuel Statham [d. 1780], a presbyterian minister at Loughborough, and of Susanna his wife, daughter of Robert Freeman, of Burton Overy, co. Leic. (*Statham Family*, p. 67; and see Calamy's *Nonconformists' Memorial*, ed. Samuel Palmer, 1775, I., 107-8, and Nichols's *Leic.*, II., 558, 892-3).

The family pedigree of the Hollyers, as I have suggested, is very "thin," as well as inaccurate, and present members, though interested, are unable to supply many dates or other amplifying details, beyond the useful list which I print later among the evidences.

Among those whose names are listed, along with Samuel Johnson and Elizabeth his wife, in the deed of 20 November 1745, by which the creditors of the late Thomas Perks, the Birmingham lawyer, accepted a composition from his widow, we find Elizabeth, widow and

* The Rev. S. P. H. Statham told me that he had copies of "Lines," from the *Brighton News* of 1780, addressed to Catherine Hollyer, who afterwards married Samuel Statham, and her first cousin, Mary Ann Sanderson, afterwards wife of the Rev. Robert Price [1748?-1823], D.C.L., Chaplain-in-Ordinary to the King, who was a grandson of John Shute, 1st. Viscount Barrington.

administratrix of Henry Hollier, of Birmingham, apothecary, together with Thomas Hollier, surgeon (*ante*, VII., 87, 88, 93, 94). Administration of the estate of Henry Hollyer, late of Birmingham, deceased, was granted on 20 November 1744, in P.C.C., to Elizabeth the relict. I have notes of other Hollyers of Birmingham, and of Aston-juxta-Birmingham, but nothing to suggest connexion with the Coventry family. There were also Hollyers at Wolverhampton towards the end of the 17th. century, and another family of the name at Hinckley in Leicestershire, but here again the evidences suggest no kinship.* As reference has been made to a connexion between Johnson's John Hollyer and Thomas Collier of Colwich, it is to be observed that Richard Hollier, son of an unnamed clergyman, matriculated from Magdalen College, Oxford, on 19 May 1694: he took his B.A. in 1698, was Vicar of Colwich from 1700, and Rector of Radbourne, co. Warwick, from 1714 (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*). His will, however, dated 18 July 1723 and proved 31 July 1724, at Lichfield, mentions only his wife Mary, his eldest son Henry (for whom he hopes "the happiness and advantage of a learned and University education"), with two other sons unnamed, his sister, Mrs. Ann Cotterell, of Uttoxeter, and his brother, Mr. Henry Hollier. There is record of a school at Colwich, "kept by Mr. Hollier," 1719-24 (*William Salt Archæological Soc.*, "Staffordshire Collections," 1934, part 2, p. 107).

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY TRINITY, COVENTRY

(searched by Mr. A. W. Read from 1680)

- B. 1692. Sept. 30. bapt. Mary Hellier, da. of John and Ann.
- B. 1694. Apl. 18. bapt. Ann Hellier, da. of John and Ann.
- B. 1695. Oct. 2. bapt. Elizabeth Hellier, da. of John and Ann.
- B. 1697. Apl. 28. bapt. Sarah Hellier, da. of John and Ann.
- B. 1704. Aug. 8. bapt. Charles Hellier, son of John and Ann.
- B. 1705. Sept. 26. bapt. Susannah Hellier, da. of John and Ann.
- B. 1708/9. Jan. 23. bapt. Eleanor Hellier, da. of John and Ann.
- A. 1716. Nov. 6. mard. John Bayly and Barbara Hollier.

* There were Hollyers again at Kingsbury, in Warwicks., but I have not followed them up.

1720. Oct. 24. bapt. Mary Hollier, da. of Mary, a bastard.
 1720. Nov. 2. burd. Mary Hollier, da. of Mary.
- B. 1721. Sept. 13. burd. Edward Hollier.
 1722. June 22. mard. John Holliar and Sarah Cotton.
 1724. Sept. 1. mard. Joseph Hollier and Elizabeth Betteson.
 1730. Oct. 13. mard. William Breed and Sarah Hallier.
- B. 1730. Oct. 29. mard. Charles Hollier and Mary Willcox.
 B. 1732. Apl. 3. bapt. Mary Hollier, da. of Charles and Mary.
 B. 1733. Apl. 9. burd. Mary Hollier, da. of Charles and Mary.
 1733/4. Jan. 21. mard. Luke Carliss and Mary Haller.
- B. 1733/4. Jan. 27. bapt. Mary Hollier, da. of Charles and Mary.
 B. 1735. Apl. 16. burd. Mary Hollier, da. of Charles and Mary.
 B. 1736. Sept. 6. bapt. Ann Hollier, da. of Charles and Mary.
 1736/7. Jan. 9. bapt. Thomas Hollier, son of John and Margaret.
- B. 1741/2. Feb. 14. burd. Mary Hallier, wife of Charles.
 1743. July 11. mard. John Hollyer and Mary Townsend.
 B. 1743. July 12. bapt. Jane Hollier, da. of Charles and Jane.
- A. 1744. Aug. 24. bapt. Susanna Hollier, da. of John and Susanna.
 B. 1746. Apl. 27. bapt. John Hollier, son of Charles and Jane.
 A. 1746. Dec. 10. bapt. Evelyn Hollier, da. of Mr. John Junr. and Mrs. Susanna.
 B. 1747/8. Feb. 24. burd. John Hollier, son of Charles and Jane.
 B. 1748. Oct. 24. bapt. Hannah Hollier, da. of Charles and Jane.
- A. 1749/50. Jan. 1. bapt. Anna Maria Hollier, da. of Mr. John and Mrs. Susanna.
- B. 1750. Oct. 25. bapt. Sarah Hollyer, da. of Charles and Jane.
 B. 1750. Nov. 30. burd. Sarah Hollyer, da. of Charles and Jane.
- A. 1751. July 25. bapt. Lucy Hollyer, da. of Mr. John and Mrs. Susanna.
 B. 1752. Dec. 7. bapt. Elizabeth Hollyer, da. of Charles and Jane.
 1752. Dec. 7. bapt. John Hollyer, son of John and Mary.
- A. 1753. Aug. 14. bapt. Mary Hollyer, da. of Mr. John and Mrs. Susanna.
 B. 1753. Aug. 24. burd. Elizabeth Hollyer, da. of Charles and Jane.
- A. 1755. Dec. 11. bapt. Katherin Hollyer, da. of Mr. John and Mrs. Susanna.
 B. 1757. June 18. bapt. Elizabeth Hollier, da. of Charles and Ann.
- A. 1757. Dec. 2. bapt. Frances Hollyer, da. of Mr. John and Mrs. Susanna.
 A. 1760. Mch. 10. bapt. John Hollyer, son of Mr. John and Mrs. Susanna.
- B. 1764. Apl. 2. burd. Charles Hollyer, husband of Elizabeth [? Jane].
 A. 1764. Mch. 16. bapt. Sarah Hollyer, da. of Mr. John and Mrs. Susanna.
- A. 1772. Jan. 15. mard. Thomas Dowell and Anna Maria Hollyer, both of this par., *lic.* Wits., Lilley Smith and James Hoggins.
- B. 1775. Oct. 30. mard. William Judd, par. of St. Michael's, this city, and Hannah Hollier, this par., *lic.* Wits., Charles Banbury, Richd. Sprigg and James Hoggins.
- A. 1776. Oct. 14. mard. Richard Frankton, of St. Michael's, this city, and Lucey Hollyer, of this par., *lic.* Wits., Thomas Clark and James Hoggins.

- A. 1777. Feb. 6. mard. John Brown and Evelyn Hollyer, both this par. Wits., James Whittle and James Hoggins.
- B. 1778. Mch. 3. burd. Mrs. Jane Hollier, widow of Charles.
- B. 1781. Sept. 18. mard. Richard Newman Clark, bach., of this par., and Elizabeth Hollier, this par., spinster, *lic. Wits.*, John Laxon and Hannah Judd.
- 1782. Dec. 20. burd. Harriett Hollyer, da. of Susanna.
- 1783. Apl. 19. burd. William Hollyer, son of Mary.
- A. 1784. Dec. 23. burd. Miss Sarah Hollyer.
- A. 1790. Jan. 20. burd. Mrs. Susanna Hollyer, widow of Mr. John from Radford.
- A. 1791. July 31. mard. Thomas Clark, widr., from St. Martin's, Birmingham, and Susanna Hollyer, this par., spinster, *lic.*
(searched to 1800)

ST. MICHAEL'S (CATHEDRAL), COVENTRY

(register commences 1698 ; searched from 1723 by Mr. A. W. Read)

- B. 1698/9. Jan. 6. bapt. Edward Hollier, son of John and Ann, whittawer.
- C. 1699. Nov. 17. bapt. Mary Hollier, dau. of Joseph and Ann, whittawer.
- B. 1700. Sept. 11. bapt. John Holliard, son of John and Ann, parch'maker.
- C. 1702. July 16. burd. Thomas Holliard, son of Joseph, a parchment maker.
- C. 1704. Aug. 6. bapt. Richard Holliard, son of Joseph and Ann, parchment maker.
- B. 1704. Aug. 8. bapt. Charles Holliard, son of John and Ann, victualler, from Trinity.
- C. 1704. Aug. 19. burd. Richard Holliard, son of Joseph, parchment maker.
- C. 1706/7. Mch. 19. bapt. Martha Holliard, dau. of Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Ann, parchment maker.
- C. 1708. July 28. bapt. Dorothy Holliard, dau. of Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Ann.
- C. 1709/10. Feb. 11. bapt. Elizabeth Hallier, dau. of Joseph and Ann.
- C. 1712. Apl. 17. bapt. Catherine Hollier, dau. of Joseph and Ann.
- A. 1713/14. Feb. 27. bapt. Elizabeth Holliar, dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth.
- C. 1714. Oct. 27. bapt. Joseph Holliar, son of Joseph and Ann.
- C. 1715. Dec. 27. bapt. Sarah Holliar, dau. of Joseph and Ann.
- C. 1715/16. Jan. 17. burd. Sarah Hollier, dau. of Joseph and Anne.
- A. 1715/16. Feb. 17. bapt. Barberry, dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth.
- C. 1716/17. Jan. 3. bapt. Benjamin Hollier, son of Joseph and Ann.
- C. 1716/17. Jan. 23. burd. Ann Hollier, wife of Joseph.
- C. 1716/17. Jan. 26. burd. Benjamin Hollier, son of Joseph and Anne.
- A. 1717. Sept. 21. burd. Barbary, dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth.
- C. 1718. May 14. burd. Joseph Halliar, son of Joseph and Ann.
- 1718. Aug. 6. burd. Mrs. [Mary, *inserted*] Holliar, widow.
- A. 1719. Apl. 22. bapt. Barbary, dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth.

- 1719/20. Jan. 3. bapt. Joseph Holliar, son of Joseph and [blank].
 1721. Apl. 13. burd. Anne Hilliar, pauper.
- A. 1721. June 15. bapt. Mary Holliar, dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth.
 A. 1722. Oct. 24. bapt. Susannah Hollier, dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth.
 1723. July 2. burd. Sarah Hollier, wife of William.
- A. 1723/4. Jan. 22. bapt. Bridgett Hollier, dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth.
 A. 1723/4. Jan. 26. burd. Bridgett Hollier, dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth.
 A. 1723/4. Feb. 25. burd. Barbary Hollier, dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth.
 A. 1725. June 23. bapt. Joseph Hollier, son of Joseph and Elizabeth.
 1725. Aug. 27. mard. Joseph Hollier, of Meredon, and Sarah Whittingham
 of Coventry, *lic*.
- A. 1727. May 26. bapt. Barbara Hollier, dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth.
 A. 1727. July 5. bapt. Mary Hollier, dau. of John and Katherine.
 1727. Nov. 9. burd. Joseph Hollier, son of Joseph and Margery.
- A. 1728. Oct. 24. bapt. Richard Hollier, son of Joseph and Elizabeth.
 A. 1731. Nov. 11. bapt. Margaret Hollier, dau. of John and Katherine.
 1731/2. Jan. 18. burd. Mr. Joseph Holliar.
 1732. Apl. 9. mard. John Jephcott and Eliza Holliar, both this par., banns.
 1732. Apl. 14. mard. Thomas Hall and Martha Halliar, both of Stretton
 upon Dunsmore, *lic*.
1734. July 1. burd. Joseph Hollier.
- A. 1735. Apl. 1. burd. Barbara Hollier, dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth.
 1736. June 25. mard. John Mallebar, of Elmdon, and Sarah Holliar, of
 Sheldon, *lic*.
1743. Nov. 30. burd. Mr. Hollier.
 1745. June 1. burd. William Hollier.
 1747. Oct. 1. burd. Elizabeth Hollyer, widow.
- A. 1749. Nov. 7. burd. Mr. John Hollyer.
 1770. May 27. mard. John Hollyer and Ann Elliott, both of this par.,
 by banns. Wits., Thomas King and John Jones.
1774. Nov. 8. burd. William Hollier.
- A. 1780. Sept. 19. bapt. Henry Hollyer, son of John and Susannah.
(searched to 1800)

ALLESLEY, BY COVENTRY

(register begins 1562 ; searched from 1680 to 1800)

- A. 1715/16. Mch. 8. burd. Barbarah Hollier, wife of Joseph of Coundon..
 1719. Oct. 1. mard. Joseph Hillier and Mary Carter.
 1722. Dec. 23. burd. Mary Hillier, wife of Joseph.
 1723. Aug. 18. burd. Elizabeth Hollier, wife of Joseph of Coundon..
 1744. July 28. burd. Mr. Joseph Hollier from Coventry.
 1746. Aug. 30. burd. Mrs. Elizabeth Hollier from Coventry.

- A. 1773. Nov. 29. burd. Mary Hollier from Coventry.
 A. 1795. Sept. 26. burd. John Sanderson Hollier, son of John and Susannah from Coventry.

ST. MARY'S, ISLINGTON, LONDON

- A. 1824. Sept. 15. burd. Susannah Hollyer, of Dalby Terrace, aged 75.
 A. 1833. July 17. burd. John Hollyer, of Clerkenwell, aged 74.

ABSTRACTS OF WILLS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

JOSEPH HALLIER, late of the city of Coventry, decd. Admon. granted 21 Feb. 1731/2, in P.C.C. (Admon. Act Book, f. 29 d.), to *Margery Hallier*, the widow and relict.

JOHN HOLLYER, of the city of Coventry, wine merchant. Will dated 1 Feb. 1747/8. To my wife *Catherine*, her heirs and assigns, all my messuages and lands, to sell the same to pay my debts and educate my daus., *Mary* and *Margaret Hollyer*, and £400 to each of them, and to my dau. *Catherine*, wife of *John Watts*. Resid. legatee and extrix., my wife. Overseers, my son, *John Hollyer*, my son-in-law, *John Watts*, of Comb Abbey, co. Warw., gent., and my bror.-in-law, *William Abell*, of Coventry, maltster. Signed, *Jno. Hollyer*. Wits., *Mary Jackson (mark)*, *Tho. Gilbert* and *Wm. Inge*. Proved 14 Dec. 1749, in P.C.C. (Lisle, 375), by *Catherine Hollyer*, widow, the relict and extrix.

KATHERINE HOLLYER, of the city of Coventry, widow. Will dated 22 Feb. 1750. All my estate, after my debts are paid, to my dau., *Mary Hollyer*, and appoint her extrix. Signed, *Catherine Hollyer*. Wits., *Thos. Dickens*, *Tho. Gilbert* and *Margt. Hollyer*. Proved 28 Jan. 1752, in P.C.C. (Bettesworth, 13), by *Mary Hollyer*, spinster, the extrix.

FRANCES HOLLYER (Probate Act Book describes her as late of Winhall, par. of St. Michael, Coventry, spinster). Will dated 28 May 1791. To *Mr. Statham*, £10; to *Mrs. Statham*, my sister, clothes; and to their children, £20. To my uncle, *Mr. James Saunderson*, £10. To my niece, *Mary Dowell*, £25, to *John Dowell*, £6, and to *Thomas Dowell*, £6. To *Mrs. Milward*, £6. To *Miss Saunderson*, of Haslemere, my rings. To my bror., *John Hollyer*, £50, and appoint him exor. Signed, *Frances Hollyer*. Wits., *John Reading* and *Thomas Underwood*. Proved 27 Jan. 1810, in P.C.C. (Collingwood, 32), by the exor. named.

JOHN HOLLYER, late of Penton Place, par. of St. James, Clerkenwell, co. M'sex, widower, decd. Admon. granted 16 Feb. 1836, in P.C.C., to his dau., *Susannah Hollyer*, spinster.

MISCELLANEOUS EVIDENCE

Mr. A. W. Read quotes to me from p. 121 of *The Parliamentary Representation of the City of Coventry* that "in 1693, John Miller (dyer) was mayor, Messrs. Smith (tanner) and Hollier (parchment maker) Sheriffs." He also says that John Hollyer, gent., appears in the Voters List of Warwickshire, in 1774, as living at Coventry and having a freehold at Allesley. And he sends me the following abstracts of deeds in the Leicester Muniment Room :—

1D.32/212.

Bond, *Barford Watts*, of Coventry, co. Warw., distiller, bound to *Anna Maria Sanderson*, of Bitwell, co. Leic., widow, in £600. Dated 30 Nov. 1741, Signed *Barfd Watts* (seal). Wits., *William Duell* (? *Dowell*), *W. White*. Endorsed 30 Nov. 1741, Bond from *Mr. Watts* to *Mrs. Sanderson* for £300 and interest also secured by assignment of legacy.

1D.32/404.

Know all men by these presents that whereas *Thomas Sanderson* late of Bitteswell, co. Leic., gent., decd., by his last will and testament bearing date 1 Dec. 1720 amongst other things therein contained gave and bequeathed unto all and every the children of his son *Thomas Sanderson* that should be born and living at the time of his decease the several sums of £10 each, and devised his estates at Bitteswell, Ashby and elsewhere to certain trustees therein mentioned for the term of 15 years to commence from his death and after the expiration of the said term to his grandson *Thomas Sanderson* son of his said son *Thomas Sanderson* and the heirs male of his body, and whereas the said trustees not choosing to act in the said trusts the said *Thomas Sanderson* the son did enter upon and receive rents, profits, etc., during the first ten years of the said term of 15 years but left many of his said father's debts and legacies unsatisfied, and whereas the said *Thomas Sanderson* the son did also make his will and made his wife *Anna Maria* sole extrix., and by virtue thereof did enter upon and receive rent, profits, etc., for the remainder of the said term of 5 years, and whereas *Susannah Hollyer* one of the children of the said *Thomas Sanderson* the son that was born and living at the time of the decease of the said *Thomas Sanderson* the father and now the wife of *Mr. John Hollyer* of Radford, County and Liberty of the City of Coventry, gent., has not been paid her said legacy of £10, Now know ye that we the said *John Hollyer* and *Susanna* my wife do hereby confess and acknowledge that we had and received of the said *Anna Maria Sanderson* the said legacy of £10 and all interest thereon which I the said *Susanna Hollyer* was intitled to by virtue of the said before recited will of my said grandfather *Thomas Sanderson*, I therefore release the said *Anna Maria Sanderson*, as also the said *Thomas Sanderson*

the grandson, of the estates, etc., from the said legacy of £10 and all interest. Dated 7 Nov. 1755. Signed, *John Hollyer, Sus. Hollyer. Wits., Jas. Sanderson and Martha Barr.* Endorsed, *Mr. John Hollyer & ux.* Release to their Mother *Mrs. Anna Maria Sanderson* of a legacy of £10 given to his wife by the will of *Mr. Thomas Sanderson* her grandfather.

The following marriage licence is from Lichfield :—

1716. Nov. 6. John Bayley, of Coleorton, co. Leic., and Barbara Hollier, from Coundon, par. of Trinity in Coventry. Surety, Joseph Hollier, of Coundon.

From Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses* I extract this entry :—

WATTS, James, s. John, of Combe Abbey, co. Warwick, gent. Oriel Coll., matric. 13 May, 1774, aged 17 ; B.A. 1778.

Miss Eleanor Mary Hollyer sent me a copy of memoranda written on an old paper in her possession :—

Henry Hollyer born	September 19, 1780.
James Hollyer „	April 2, 1782.
Anna Mariah Hollyer	Feb. 24, 1784.
John Hollyer	March 13, 1786.
Susanna Hollyer	Jan. 7, 1788.
Catherine Hollyer	Aug. 29, 1789.
Mary Ann Hollyer	May 21, 1791.
Frances Hollyer	.....
Thomas Hollyer	Aug. 1795.
Samuel Hollyer	March 2, 1797.

Dear Mother died	Sep. 7, 1824.
Brother Henry „	Aug. 7, 1825.
Dear Father	July 11, 1833.
Sister Catherine	Nov. 9, 1837.
„ Mary Ann	„ 3, 1843.
„ Susanna	Nov. 17, 1846.
Brother James	June 30, 1846.
Sister Anna Mariah	May 28, 1848.

NARRATIVE PEDIGREE A.

JOSEPH HOLLYER, of the hamlet of Coundon, par. of Holy Trinity, Coventry, co. Warw., whose wife Barbara (? Brown) was burd. at Allesley, by Coventry, on 8 Mch. 1715/16, was probably father of

JOHN HOLLYER, *of whom presently.*

Joseph Hollyer, probably identical with the Joseph Hollyer who had the following children by Elizabeth his wife,

Elizabeth Hollyer, bapt. 27 Feb. 1713/14, at St. Michael's, Coventry.

Barbara Hollyer, bapt. 17 Feb. 1715/16, and burd. 21 Sept. 1717, at St. Michael's, Coventry.

Barbara Hollyer, bapt. 22 Apl. 1719, and burd. 25 Feb. 1723/4, at St. Michael's, Coventry.

Mary Hollyer, bapt. 15 June 1721, at St. Michael's, Coventry.

Susannah Hollyer, bapt. 24 Oct. 1722, at St. Michael's, Coventry.

Bridget Hollyer, bapt. 22 Jan. 1723/4, and burd. 26 Jan. 1723/4, at St. Michael's, Coventry.

Joseph Hollyer, bapt. 23 June 1725, at St. Michael's, Coventry.

Barbara Hollyer, bapt. 26 May 1727, and burd. 1 Apl. 1735, at St. Michael's, Coventry.

Richard Hollyer, bapt. 24 Oct. 1728, at St. Michael's, Coventry.

Barbara Hollyer, mard. 6 Nov. 1716 (by licence from Lichfield of same day), at Holy Trinity, Coventry, to John Bayly, of Coleorton, co. Leic., and was living 23 Oct. 1762.

Mary Hollyer, of Coventry; died unmard., and burd. 29 Nov. 1773, at Allesley, by Coventry. Will dated 23 Oct. 1762, proved 7 Oct. 1774, at Lichfield.

JOHN HOLLYER, *probably son of Joseph Hollyer of Coundon preceding; of Coventry, and of the hamlet of Radford, par. of Holy Trinity, Coventry, wine merchant; burd. 7 Nov. 1749, at St. Michael's, Coventry; will dated 1 Feb. 1747/8, proved 14 Dec. 1749, in P.C.C. Mard. Catherine, and by her, whose will, dated 22 Feb. 1750, was proved 28 Jan. 1752, in P.C.C., had issue,*

I. JOHN HOLLYER, *of whom presently.*

Catherine Hollyer, mard. before 1 Feb. 1747/8, to John Watts, of Combe Abbey, co. Warw., gent., and by him, who, with her, was living 7 Oct. 1774, had, with perhaps other issue, a son,

James Watts, matric. 13 May 1774, aged 17, from Oriel Coll., Oxford; B.A. 1778.

Mary Hollyer, bapt. 5 July 1727, at St. Michael's, Coventry; unmard. on 28 Jan. 1752; to have all her mother's estate.

Margaret Hollyer, bapt. 11 Nov. 1731, at St. Michael's, Coventry; unmard. on 1 Feb. 1747/8.

JOHN HOLLYER, *only son of John Hollyer preceding*; of Coventry, wine merchant, of Radford, par. of Holy Trinity, and of Allesley, by Coventry; living at Coventry in 1774; dead on 20 Jan. 1790. Mard. 1741-4 to Susanna, widow of Barford Watts (who was living 30 Nov. 1741), of Coventry, distiller, and dau. of the Rev. Thomas Sanderson, Vicar of Bitteswell, co. Leic., and latterly Vicar of Brundish-cum-Tannington, co. Suffolk, by Anna Maria, his wife, dau. of John Fryer, M.D., F.R.S., of London. By Susanna his wife, who died a widow at Radford, par. of Holy Trinity, Coventry, and was burd. 20 Jan. 1790, at Holy Trinity, John Hollyer had issue,

I. JOHN HOLLYER, *of whom presently.*

- I. Susanna Hollyer, bapt. 24 Aug. 1744, at Holy Trinity, Coventry; mard. 31 July 1791, at Holy Trinity, to Thomas Clark, of par. of St. Martin's, Birmingham, carpenter, widower; they were both living on 4 Jan. 1792.
- II. Evelyn Hollyer, bapt. 10 Dec. 1746, at Holy Trinity, Coventry; mard. 6 Feb. 1777, at Holy Trinity, to John Brown, of Bishop Street, Coventry, victualler, who was living on 4 Jan. 1792.
- III. Anna Maria Hollyer, bapt. 1 Jan. 1749/50, at Holy Trinity, Coventry, and mard. there 15 Jan. 1772 to Thomas Dowell,* of Holy Trinity; died before 4 Jan. 1792, having had issue,
 Mary Dowell, living unmard. 28 May 1791.
 John Dowell, living 28 May 1791.
 Thomas Dowell, living 28 May 1791 and 4 Jan. 1792.
- IV. Lucy Hollyer, bapt. 25 July 1751, at Holy Trinity, Coventry, and mard. there 14 Oct. 1776 to Richard Frankton, of St. Michael's, Coventry; both living 4 Jan. 1792.
- V. Mary Hollyer, of Coventry; bapt. 14 Aug. 1753, at Holy Trinity, Coventry; died unmard. Will dated 4 Jan. 1792, proved 1 Jan. 1793, at Lichfield.
- VI. Catherine Hollyer, bapt. 11 Dec. 1755, at Holy Trinity, Coventry; mard. 3 June 1782, at Greenwich, to Samuel Statham, of Arnold Grove, Nottingham, hosier, J.P. and D.L., co. Notts. He was born 15 July 1749, at Loughborough, and died 27 July 1811, leaving issue by her, who died 26 Dec. 1833, and was burd. by him at St. Mark's, Kennington.
- VII. Frances Hollyer, bapt. 2 Dec. 1757, at Holy Trinity, Coventry; of Winhall, par. of St. Michael, Coventry; living unmard. 4 Jan. 1792; died unmard. Will dated 28 May 1791, proved 27 Jan. 1810, in P.C.C.
- VIII. Sarah Hollyer, bapt. 16 Mch. 1764, at Holy Trinity, Coventry; died unmard.; burd. 23 Dec. 1784, at Holy Trinity.

* It is to be noted in this connexion that the register of Twycross, co. Leic., records the marriage on 3 Nov. 1737 of John Dowell, of Gopsall, same co., to Elizabeth Hollier, of Twycross.

JOHN HOLLYER, *only son of John Hollyer preceding and Susanna Sanderson his wife*; of Warwick in 1779; of Coventry, silkman, 4 Jan. 1792; sold his business in Coventry and removed to London, where he is said to have put his money into dock building in E. London, and lost it; bapt. 10 Mch. 1760, at Holy Trinity, Coventry; died 11 July, 1833, aged "74," at Penton Place, par. of St. James, Clerkenwell; burd. at St. Mary's, Islington, 17 July 1833; admon. granted 16 Feb. 1836, in P.C.C. He mard. Susanna, dau. of [? Ford], and by her, who died 7 Sept. 1824, at Dalby Terrace, London, and was burd. 15 Sept. 1824, aged 75, at St. Mary's, Islington, had issue (in addition to John Sanderson Hollyer, burd. 26 Sept. 1795 at Allesley, whose position in the family is not clear),

- I. Henry Hollyer, born 19 Sept. 1780; bapt. 19 Sept. 1780, at St. Michael's, Coventry; died 7 Aug. 1825.
- II. James Hollyer, born 2 Apl. 1782; died 30 June 1846.
- III. John Hollyer, of Cardiff; born 13 Mch. 1786; mard. Harriet Barnes Hughes, and had issue,
 1. John Sanderson Hollyer; mard. Cecilia Vines, and had issue,
 - (1) Lillie Hollyer, mard. 1868 W. Goodwin Barnes, and had issue.
 - (2) Jessie Hollyer, mard. 1868 P. J. Evans.
 - (3) Emmeline Hollyer.
 - (4) Louisa Hollyer.
 2. William Hudson Hollyer.
 3. George Hollyer.
 4. Robert Price Hollyer; mard. Laura Dale.
1. Harriet Hollyer.
2. Mary Anne Hollyer.
3. Catherine Sophia Hollyer.
4. Anne Dowell Hollyer.
- IV. Thomas Hollyer, born Aug. 1795.
- V. Samuel Hollyer, line engraver and art publisher; expert collector of water colours of early English school; born 2 Mch. 1797; died in 1883; burd. in Highgate Cemetery. Mard. Mary Ann Hudson, and by her had issue,
 1. Robert Thomas Hollyer; died young.
 2. William Robert Hollyer; died young.
 3. Samuel Hollyer [1826-1919], distinguished American line engraver; mard. 1st. Amy Smith [d. 1853], and 2nd. Madeline C. Chevalier, but had no issue.
 4. Alexander Hollyer [1830-1901], of Boston, U.S.A.; mard. and had issue.

5. James Hollyer [1832-1930], of U.S.A. ; died in New Jersey ; mard. and had issue.
6. Christopher Charles Hollyer, born 1834, died *circa* 1875 ; mard. Anne Simmonds, and by her had issue,
Christopher William Hollyer, born 1865.
7. Frederick Hollyer [1837-1933], of London ; mard. Mary Ann Armstrong, and by her had issue,
 - (1) Frederick Thomas Hollyer, of London, and afterwards of Blewbury, Berks. ; born 1870 ; mard. Helené Smallwood, but has no issue.
 - (2) Arthur Samuel Hollyer, born 1875 ; mard. Ann Frost, but has no issue.
 - (1) Eleanor Mary Hollyer, born 1871 ; unmard.
- I. Mary Ann Eliza Hollyer [1828-1902], mard. Bernard Evans, R.I., but had no issue.
- I. Anna Maria Hollyer, born 24 Feb. 1784, died 28 May 1848, unmard.
- II. Susanna Hollyer, born 7 Jan. 1788, died 17 Nov. 1846, unmard.
- III. Catherine Hollyer, born 29 Aug. 1789, died 9 Nov. 1837, unmard.
- IV. Mary Ann Hollyer, born 21 May 1791, died 3 Nov. 1843, unmard.
- V. Frances Hollyer, died young.

NARRATIVE PEDIGREE B.

JOHN HOLLYER, of Coventry, whittawer, and afterwards victualler ; mard. Ann, and had issue,

Mary Hollyer, bapt. 30 Sept. 1692, at Holy Trinity, Coventry ; (? Mary Sitherson, on 7 Nov. 1763).

Ann Hollyer, bapt. 18 Apl. 1694, at Holy Trinity, Coventry.

Elizabeth Hollyer, bapt. 2 Oct. 1695, at Holy Trinity, Coventry.

Sarah Hollyer, bapt. 28 Apl. 1697, at Holy Trinity, Coventry.

Edward Hollyer, bapt. 6 Jan. 1698/9, at St. Michael's, Coventry ;

? burd. 13 Sept. 1721, at Holy Trinity, Coventry.

John Hollyer, bapt. 11 Sept. 1700, at St. Michael's, Coventry ; living 7 Nov. 1763.

CHARLES HOLLYER, *of whom presently.*

Susannah Hollyer, bapt. 26 Sept. 1705, at Holy Trinity, Coventry.

Eleanor Hollyer, bapt. 23 Jan. 1708/9, at Holy Trinity, Coventry.

CHARLES HOLLYER, *son of John Hollyer preceding* ; of Coventry, victualler ; bapt. 8 Aug. 1704, at Holy Trinity, Coventry, and entered same day at St. Michael's ; burd. 2 Apl. 1764, at Holy Trinity, Coventry ; will dated 7 Nov. 1763, proved 27 Apl. 1764, at Lichfield. Mard. 1st., on 29 Oct. 1730, at Holy Trinity, Coventry, Mary (? widow of) Wilcox, and by her, who was burd. 14 Feb. 1741/2, at Holy Trinity, had issue,

Mary Hollyer, bapt. 3 Apl. 1732 and burd. 9 Apl. 1733, at Holy Trinity, Coventry.

Mary Hollyer, bapt. 27 Jan. 1733/4 and burd. 16 Apl. 1735, at Holy Trinity, Coventry.

Ann Hollyer, bapt. 6 Sept. 1736, at Holy Trinity, Coventry; ? died young.

Charles Hollyer mard. 2nd. Jane, who was burd. 3 Mch. 1778, at Holy Trinity, Coventry, and by her, admon. of whose estate was granted 24 Apl. 1778, at Lichfield, had further issue,

Jane Hollyer, bapt. 12 July 1743, at Holy Trinity, Coventry.

John Hollyer, bapt. 27 Apl. 1746 and burd. 24 Feb. 1747/8, at Holy Trinity, Coventry.

Hannah Hollyer, bapt. 24 Oct. 1748, at Holy Trinity, Coventry, and mard. there 30 Oct. 1775 to William Judd, of St. Michael's, Coventry, victualler, who was living 24 Apl. 1778. She was Charles Hollyer's eldest dau. on 7 Nov. 1763.

Sarah Hollyer, bapt. 25 Oct. 1750 and burd. 30 Nov. 1750, at Holy Trinity, Coventry.

Elizabeth Hollyer, bapt. 7 Dec. 1752 and burd. 24 Aug. 1753, at Holy Trinity, Coventry.

Elizabeth Hollyer, under 14 on 7 Nov. 1763; (? bapt. 18 June 1757, at Holy Trinity, Coventry); mard. 18 Sept. 1781, at Holy Trinity, to Richard Newman Clark, of Holy Trinity.

NARRATIVE PEDIGREE C.

JOSEPH HOLLYER, of Coventry, parchment maker; mard. 1696 Ann Adcock,* and by her, who was burd. 23 Jan. 1716/17, at St. Michael's, Coventry, had issue,

Mary Hollyer, bapt. 17 Nov. 1699, at St. Michael's, Coventry.

Thomas Hollyer, burd. 16 July 1702, at St. Michael's, Coventry.

Richard Hollyer, bapt. 6 Aug. 1704 and burd. 19 Aug. 1704 at St. Michael's, Coventry.

Martha Hollyer, bapt. 19 Mch. 1706/7, at St. Michael's, Coventry.

Dorothy Hollyer, bapt. 28 July 1708, at St. Michael's, Coventry.

Elizabeth Hollyer, bapt. 11 Feb. 1709/10, at St. Michael's, Coventry.

Catherine Hollyer, bapt. 17 Apl. 1712, at St. Michael's, Coventry.

Joseph Hollyer, bapt. 27 Oct. 1714 and burd. 14 May 1718, at St. Michael's, Coventry.

Sarah Hollyer, bapt. 27 Dec. 1715 and burd. 17 Jan. 1715/16, at St. Michael's, Coventry.

Benjamin Hollyer, bapt. 3 Jan. 1716/17 and burd. 26 Jan. 1716/17, at St. Michael's, Coventry.

* After completing these pedigrees, I find that a licence was issued from Lichfield in 1696, for the marriage at St. Michael's, Coventry, of Joseph Hollier and Ann Adcock.

THE PARGITER FAMILY

GILBERT WALMESLEY, by his will of 1745, left a reversionary interest in an annuity of £200 to Philip Pargiter, esq. (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 231). A Philip Pargiter was Steward of Lichfield from 1683 to 1699, when he was succeeded by William Fettiplace Nott : this Philip made a speech of welcome to James II when he visited the city in 1687 (*Harwood's Lichfield*, 309, 438). The two Philips were father and son, as is evidenced by the following interesting suit in Chancery :—

THICKBROOME v. PARGITER and WALMISLEY

30 Nov. 1710. Complaint by *Thomas Thickbroome*, of Milton, co. Kent, yeoman, that *Rowland Thickbroome*, his father, was in his lifetime seised of messuages, gardens, lands, rights of common, etc., in the par. of Maveson Ridware, co. Staffs., to the yearly value of £15 and more, and complainant was eldest son and heir of said *Rowland*, and was a young man and a soldier in the Army of *Charles I.*, "in the late unhappy Civill warrs in England in which service he continued untill the fatall battell of Edge Hill where the Usurper with his Army prevailing" complainant for safety fled to *Mason's Ridworth*, where to his surprise he found his father lately dead and buried and his mother on her death bed, and she died a few days after. After her death one *William Pargiter*, gent., attorney at law, who, finding complainant illiterate and ignorant, pretending great friendship, told him he was in danger of death through fighting on the King's side, and of having his lands, etc., sequestered, and prevailed with him to give him lease of the same for 39 or 49 years, for £30 paid in hand, to enable complainant to go across the seas for safety, and a peppercorn rent, which lease being read to him (he being illiterate) or pretended to be read, he signed. He went to the Low Countries and served as a soldier in the wars there and elsewhere in divers countries and states for many years, until rendered incapable of service he lately arrived in England, and not being able to travel into Staffordshire had made enquiry through an agent, who informed him the said *William Pargiter* was dead and had left two sons, *William* and *Philip*. *William* died without issue, and the premises descended to *Philip*, who died leaving one son, *Philip Pargiter*, now an infant. His agent applied to said *Philip*, and *William Walmsley*, his pretended guardian, but they refuse to give up the same and to produce the said lease. He therefore desires they may be summoned to answer the premises.

3 Mch. 1710/11. *William Walmsley*, esq., chosen by commission as guardian to defend the suit against *Phillip Pargiter*, an infant.

3 Mch., 9 Anne (1710/11). Answer of *William Walmsley*, esq., and *Philip Pargiter*, an infant, aged 14 years, denying that *William Pargiter* was

likely ever to give such advice as alleged, and they know of no lease, but have articles of agreement bearing date 6 Nov. 1660, made between complainant and said *William Pargiter*, conveying the said premises to said *William* for the sum named, and acknowledging the bargain and sale, which should be further acknowledged by fine levied by complainant and his wife *Anne*. And further, by deed of 5 Jan., 12 Charles II. [1660/1], *Thomas Thickbroom*, the complainant, described as of Birmingham, co. Warw., son and heir of *Elizabeth Thickbroom*, widow, decd., and *Rowland Thickbroom*, of Uttoxeter, younger son of said *Elizabeth*, for £76 sold to the said *William Pargiter* and his son *Philip* a cottage in Maveson Ridware, where the said *Elizabeth* lately lived, the inheritance of *Thomas Baldwyn*, grandfather of complainant, and other lands there, and in Hilary Term following the said complainant and *Anne* his wife, and *Rowland Thickbroom* and *Joyce* his wife, levied a fine of the same. They have also in their custody a partition deed bearing date 26 Jan. 1651/2, made between *Rowland Thickbroome*, then of Maveson Ridware, co. Staffs., gent., and *Elizabeth* his wife, *John Hall*, of Walsall Wood, carpenter, and *Jane* his wife, of the first part, *John Byrch*, of Shelfield, co. Staffs., gent., of the second part, and *Robert Deakin*, the younger, of Maveson Ridware, yeoman, and *Robert Lyon*, of Hilridware, yeoman, agreeing to make partition of the lands of the said *Rowland, Elizabeth, John* and *Jane* in Maveson Ridware, which were before the lands of *Thomas Baldwyn*, late of Maveson Ridware, blacksmith, decd., father of *Elizabeth* and *Jane*, and believes the said partition was made. They have another deed bearing date 25 Jan., 12 Charles II. [1660/1], whereby *John Byrch*, of Shelfield, gent., *John Hall*, of Walsall Wood, carpenter, and *Jane* his wife, one of the daus. of *Thomas Baldwyn*, decd., for £76 sold to *William Pargiter*, in the bill named, and his son and heir *Philip*, all their part of a messuage in Maveson Ridware, where *Elizabeth Thickbroome*, widow, decd., lately dwelt, and other lands. They believe the said premises in question have been in the possession of *Philip Pargiter* and his ancestors since 12 Charles II. [1659-61], and they know of no trust reposed by complainant in *William Pargiter*, and beg to be dismissed with their reasonable costs (Chanc. Proc., Reynardson 309/10).

Whether there was any family connexion between the Walmesleys and the Pargiters I cannot say. But *William Walmesley*, as has been seen, acted in 1711 as guardian of young *Philip Pargiter*, who many years later stood to benefit under the will of *William's* son, *Gilbert Walmesley*. *Philip Pargiter* is mentioned in a letter of *Garrick's* in 1734 (*ante*, VIII., 118); and in 1749 he stood godfather to *Dr. Richard Greene's* daughter *Sarah* (*ante*, VIII., 134).

William, son of *William Pargiter*, of Mavesyn Ridware, co. Staffs., gent., matriculated on 10 April 1663, aged 18, from New

College, Oxford, taking his B.A. in 1666 and his M.A. in 1670. Philip Pargiter, of Ridware, co. Staffs., gent., whose parentage was not entered, matriculated 25 July 1655, from Hart Hall, Oxford, becoming a barrister-at-law of the Inner Temple in 1663 and a Bencher in 1682, and dying in 1699 (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*). Philip was therefore the elder brother, as stated in the answer. I have made no attempt to trace the Pargiter family genealogically, beyond what appears from the sources quoted. The churchwardens' accounts for St. Mary's, Lichfield, record that "Mr. Pargiter's Clerk" was paid 2^s/6 for making a deed in 1669 (Harwood's *Lichfield*, p. 468).

WILLIAM BAILYE, THE LICHFIELD BOOKSELLER

MR. GERALD P. MANDER has supplied me with some fresh and interesting information of William Bailye, the Lichfield bookseller, who established himself in the city as early as 1682 or 1683, almost at the same time as Michael Johnson (*ante*, III., 8, 19; IV., 171; VIII., 161). From his own *Wolverhampton Antiquary*, vol. I., p. 354, he thus quotes an abstract of the will of Edward Gough, "Bookseller in Wolverhampton," dated 4 December 1674, proved 9 February 1674/5, in P.C.C. (Dyer, 14):—

To William Bailey my apprentice all my working tools both brass iron and wood, with my presses. Also my chests, boxes, and tables, and all other working implements in my shop (my desk with its contents only excepted). I also give him the bed with its furniture in which he now lies.

And again :—

Memorandum: before the sealing hereof I give to William Bailye my servant aforesaid all my books and paper wares as well bound stitcht and in Quires Parchments velloms and all other goods whatsoever within my shop, except the desk above excepted, provided that he shall pay all sums of money that I shall owe to my Chapmen in London at the time of my decease

Mr. Mander adds that on a fly leaf of the first volume of the Tettenhall registers is written in a bold but illiterate hand :—

Sept. 3d. 1675
Then Rec'd 11s. for the Repaire of
this Register of John Shaw
and Walter Northwood
then Church-wardens, I say
Rec'd by mee William: Bailye
Book-Seler

From the Wolverhampton register he sends me these further entries :—

1678. Apl. 26. bapt. Elizabeth, dau. of Mr. William Bailye, booke-binder.
1679/80. Feb. 6. bapt. Joyce, dau. of Mr. William Bailye.
1681. Apl. 15. bapt. Mary, dau. of Mr. William Baylie booke binder.

We therefore know now that William Bailye was apprenticed to Edward Gough, a Wolverhampton bookseller, who thought so highly

of him that he left him the whole of his working tools and stock-in-trade. At the end of 1674, when Edward Gough made his will, William Bailye was probably near the end of his apprenticeship, for in the following September, as the receipt in the Tettenhall register shews, he was trading as a bookseller, evidently in succession to Edward Gough. After his marriage to Joyce Pershouse, in August 1677 (*ante*, VIII., 161), he continued in Wolverhampton till 1681, but for some unknown reason he had transferred his business to Lichfield by 1683. The three daughters born at Wolverhampton are additional to the nine children given in my pedigree as born at Lichfield (*ante*, IV., 179-80). Mr. Mander adds that Richard Grosvenor seems to have succeeded him as a bookseller in Wolverhampton.

THE ROBINSONS OF LICHFIELD

THE Robinson family has had no other title to fame than could be gained by supplying two wives for Matthew Boulton—sisters whose substantial fortunes materially assisted his progress in developing the great engineering works at Soho. There are, however, a number of other connexions and associations in relation to Johnson and his circle which have encouraged me to work out a pedigree to make them clear. It is rather remarkable that a family of mercers in a small country town like Lichfield should have been able to make so much money in the eighteenth century, but conditions then prevented people going far afield for articles of wear.

I do not know the origin of William Robinson, with whom I begin, and have made no attempt to trace it. The earliest date I have for him is the baptism of his eldest son in 1682. In 1695 he was living with his wife and family in Market Street, the last named person in his household being "Joan Winchley serv^t, 20 odd" (*ante*, III., 90), who in 1707 married John Marklew *alias* Bellison and two years later became the foster mother of Samuel Johnson (*ante*, III., 57). John Marklew *alias* Bellison was a local brickmaker who had very likely assisted in the building of Michael Johnson's house, and his will of 1716 shews that he had mortgaged some of his property to William Robinson, of New Inn, London, the eldest son of his wife's old master, whose third son, James Robinson, he appointed a trustee (*ante*, IV., 61, 65, 69-70).

Luke Robinson, the second son of William, and the father-in-law of Matthew Boulton, was one of the Grand Jury who committed Michael Johnson for trial on 10 October 1717, on the charge of unlawfully trading as a tanner (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, pp. 211-13; *ante*, III., 89-90). On 7 October 1726 he took the oath of abjuration along with Michael Johnson (*ante*, III., 165; IV., 203). By his marriage to Dorothy, daughter and eventually (after the death of her brother, Zachary Babington) coheir of John Babington, of Whittington, and of Curborough, in the parish of St. Chad's, Lichfield, he became brother-in-law to Theophilus Levett, the town clerk of Lichfield, who was the official prosecutor of Michael Johnson in the trial referred to (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr.*

Johnson's Ancestry, pp. 211-13 ; *ante*, III., 90), though in private life one of his best friends (*ante*, III., 176 ; IV., 10, 182, 190). Matthew Boulton was related to his own two wives through the Babingtons, for his grandfather, John Bolton, of Lichfield, had married Elizabeth, daughter of Matthew Dyott, of Stichbrook, in the parish of St. Chad's, Lichfield, by Mary his wife, daughter of Zachary Babington, of Whittington and Curborough, whose son and heir, the above-mentioned John Babington, by his marriage to Mary, daughter of Ralph Hawkes, became father of Mrs. Luke Robinson and Mrs. Theophilus Levett (*Visitation of England and Wales*, "Notes," vol. 8, ed. F. A. Crisp, pp. 52-4 ; *Shaw's Staffs.*, I., 362 ; *Harleian Soc.*, vol. 63, p. 77 ; *Matthew Boulton*, by H. W. Dickinson, 1937, pp. 24, 27, 30, 35, 36, 118 ; *Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, pp. 212, 213 ; *ante*, III., 58, IV., 188, 190).

According to Dickinson, in his biography just mentioned, p. 36, Luke Robinson's daughters, Mary and Ann, the wives of Matthew Boulton, had each a fortune of some £14,000 in land.

It will be seen from the codicil to the will of James Robinson, younger brother of Luke, added in 1742, that he had bought the advowsons and right of patronage of the livings of Stoke-upon-Trent, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Whitmore, Norton, Bagnall and Burslem, as well as of Swinnerton, and had presented his son William to Swinnerton, he to resign it when James came of age. Their in-and-out holding of the living can be traced in the succeeding evidences, as can that of their youngest brother Jeremiah, and their nephew William. Jeremiah Robinson was incumbent of Whitmore from 1758 to 1763. My friend, Mr. Percy Adams, tells me that Richard Brett, Rector of Swinnerton, died in 1742, as James Robinson's will indicates, and was followed by William Robinson. Jeremiah presented himself in 1750. After William Robinson's death in 1797 the Rectory of Swinnerton was presented by the younger William Robinson to John Batteridge Pearson, who resigned, no doubt by arrangement, in 1801, when William himself was presented by his mother, Ruth Robinson, who again presented William Corne on her son's death in 1812. Pearson, a Prebendary of Lichfield, was Lucy Porter's principal legatee (*ante*, I., 13-14). As regards the Rectory of Stoke-upon-Trent, on William Robinson's death in 1797 his nephew, also William Robinson, presented Hugh

Bailye (for whom see *ante.*, II., 79 ; IV., 171, 180), who made way for the younger William Robinson in 1801, Ruth Robinson presenting.

The Lichfield census of 1695 has the following household under Bore Street :—

Wm Carey 34	
Mary his wife 30	
Robert Trevers	} 00.01.00
Batchelor 30	

What relation, if any, this William Cary was to Cary Butt, of Lichfield (*ante.*, IV., 130–31), I do not know. His daughter, Mrs. James Robinson, stood as godmother to Anna Seward's sister Jane on 25 July 1748 (*ante.*, I., 35) ; while his grandson, Cary Robinson, stood as godfather to Thomas Hinckley on 23 May 1788 (*ante.*, VII., 162).

Elizabeth, wife of Francis Bayley, of Lichfield, gent., in her will dated 9 June 1735, and proved 26 May 1737 at Lichfield, leaves her lands in Draycott, co. Staffs., to her cousin and goddaughter, Mary, daughter of Luke Robinson, though in the event of Mary having no issue they were to go to another cousin, Ann Levett, daughter of Theophilus (*ante.*, IV., 188). This Mrs. Bayley was a daughter of Ralph Hawkes, of Newton, in the parish of Blithfield, by Katherine his wife, daughter of John Babington, whose other daughters, Dorothy and Mary, married respectively Luke Robinson and Theophilus Levett. Her husband, Francis Bayley, was son of Francis Bayley, of Lichfield, gent., by Ann his second wife, daughter of Richard Hinckley, of Lichfield, and so brother of Johnson's "old friend Hetty Bailly" (*ante.*, VII., 164).

William Robinson, of New Inn, co. Middlesex, gent., the elder brother of Luke, deposed on 9 October 1719, then aged "35," in the suit of Pyott *v.* Lawson. John Pyott, the husband of Dorothy Fretwell, had come to see him in London, on a legal point, in 1712 (see *post.*, p. 168). It is disappointing that the will has not been found of this William Robinson, or of his father, William Robinson the first.

It is rather interesting that Luke Robinson, in his will of 1749, appointed Joseph Simpson, of the Inner Temple, London, esq., as one of his executors, who proved the following year. This was the clever but unfortunate young barrister in whom Johnson and Garrick took so much interest (*ante.*, III., 133, 176 ; IV., 155–58, 164–5 ;

VIII., 66-70). At this time, at least, he must have enjoyed the confidence of such a substantial business man as Luke Robinson.

A supper party of Garrick's, in London, at some unspecified date, to "some old Lichfielders," included "the two Robinsons" (*ante*, IV., 181), who no doubt were the sons of James Robinson and Jane Cary.

When Johnson visited Soho on 20 September 1774, and was shewn round by Matthew Boulton, he may have met the great engineer's second wife, Ann, the younger daughter of Luke Robinson (*Boswell's Johnson*, ed. Birkbeck Hill, rev. Powell, V., 458).

In a letter of Anna Seward's to Dr. Samuel Parr, dated 6 October 1797, she expatiates at considerable length on the many excellencies of "the oldest friend I had on earth the singularly comic Rector Robinson, known and admired by that title (as if there had been no other rector), during his prime of manhood, in the fashionable circles of London, Bath, Scarborough and Harrowgate." She pays tribute to his learning and humour, and intimates that he had lived the life of a recluse for the last twenty years (*Letters*, IV., 389-91). In her *Life of Dr. Darwin*, 1804, pp. 75, 78-81, she also eulogises "the late Reverend William Robinson" as "a choice spirit amongst those Lichfieldians, whose talents illuminated the little city at that period."

The two daughters of the younger Rev. William Robinson, who died so soon after their father, are commemorated in Lichfield Cathedral by Chantrey's beautiful "sleeping children" monument, which always holds the visitor (*ante*, VII., 157).

It must be borne in mind that the Robinson entries from the Lichfield registers are drawn from extracts made selectively by Mr. Homer long before any pedigree had been constructed, a few being added from the notes of Mr. William Bennett, who is investigating Matthew Boulton's private life. A thorough search now might produce other entries relating to the particular Robinsons with whom we deal. There was a "Mrs. Robinson, widow, 86," buried at St. Michael's on 11 July 1765. It does not seem likely that Luke Robinson, the tailor, of Wade Street, who was buried at St. Chad's on 29 Apl. 1812, aged 52, was a legitimate descendant of William Robinson who begins my pedigree, though he was to receive a legacy of £20 under the will of the Rev. William Robinson in 1811, along with Thomas Robinson, of Hanbury, shoemaker.

There was a Francis Robinson, of Lichfield, dignified by the title of esquire, whose name occurs in local records printed by me, from 1767 to 1807. In 1790 he was nominated a trustee under the will of Mrs. Gastrell, who left him a legacy of £500. Under the will of his friend, Francis Cobb, the banker, in 1804, he was to receive £1,000; and he proved the will in 1807. In 1805 Mary, wife of John Sneyd, left him £50 (*ante*, IV., 107, 138, 177; V., 252-3; VI., 135; VII., 155; VIII., 170, 172). Francis Robinson was Sheriff of the city in 1779 (Harwood's *Lichfield*, p. 436). He does not occur among the residents of Lichfield in *The Universal British Directory* for 1792. No doubt he is identical with the Francis Robinson mentioned in Shaw's *Staffordshire*, I., 224, as having a house at Longdon, four miles from Lichfield, *circa* 1798, where he exercised his skill as an amateur sculptor. I have no idea as to what family he belonged.

There was also a "Mr. Harvey Robinson," Sheriff of Lichfield in 1768 (Harwood's *Lichfield*, p. 435), who was buried at St. Chad's on 15 February 1772. The will of Harvey Robinson, of Lichfield, yeoman, dated 23 July 1771, was proved 17 February 1772, at Lichfield. He mentions his grandson, William Robinson, son of his late son, John Robinson, and William's sister, Elizabeth Robinson, a minor, who, with a niece, Sarah Robinson, lived with him; his son-in-law, John Whitaker, of Bacon Street, Lichfield, his late daughter, Fanny Whitaker, and their four children, Mary, John, William and Fanny Whitaker; and his daughter, Sarah Slye, wife of Thomas Slye, of Stoneleigh, co. Warwick, farmer, she proving. There is no suggestion of relationship to the Robinsons of whom I treat.

But the Robinsons whom it is most necessary to distinguish as belonging to a separate family are the Rev. Hastings Robinson [1792-1866], a divine who has his place in the *D.N.B.*, and his father, the Rev. Richard George Robinson, of Lichfield, for they actually come within the orbit of Johnsonian reminiscence. Hastings Robinson, when Rector of Great Warley, Essex, in 1834, communicated to Croker some anecdotes shewing that his father met Johnson at the Swards' (see Birkbeck Hill's *Johnsonian Miscellanies*, II., 417-19, and *Letters of Johnson*, II., 18). The Rev. Richard George Robinson died early in 1825, aged 88, at Chesterton, on the outskirts of Cambridge: he had been Chancellor's Vicar of Lichfield Cathedral for upwards of 55 years,

Vicar of Harborne-cum-Smethwick, near Birmingham, from 1772, and Vicar of Barrow-cum-Twyford, co. Derby, from 1803. His degree was B.C.L. (*Gent.'s Mag.*, 1825, i., May, p. 474). Where he got the degree is not stated : he was not a graduate of Oxford or Cambridge, where the records would have given his parentage. The following entries from the registers of St. Mary's, Lichfield, tell us something of his marriages and children :—

- 1784. Jan. 5. mard. Rev. Richard George Robinson, and Miss Hannah Wild, both of this par., by lic. Wits., Eliz. Hinckley and Robert Beaumont.
- 1793. Feb. 16. bapt. Hastings, son of Rev. Richard George and Mary Woolhouse Robinson.
- 1795. Aug. 18. bapt. Mary Ann, dau. of Rev. R. G. Robinson.
- 1797. Dec. 20. bapt. Richard George, son of Rev. R. G. and Mary Woolhouse Robinson, born 12 July.
- 1801. Aug. 7. bapt. William Woolhouse, son of Rev. R. G. and Mary Woolhouse Robinson, born 20 Feb.
- 1805. Jan. 23. bapt. Disney, son of Rev. R. G. and Mary Woolhouse Robinson, born 10 Sept. 1804.

A notice in *The Gentleman's Magazine* for February 1785, p. 158, tells us of the early death of his first wife :—

(Feb.) 17. At Lichfield, aged 27, the wife of rev. Richard Robinson.

This notice proceeds to record some finds made at the Cathedral during the excavation of her vault, and also refers us back to p. 135, where we find a characteristic "EPITAPH On Hannah Wife of the Rev. Richard George Robinson of *Lichfield*," from the pen of Anna Seward, dated Lichfield, Feb. 18. Two of the lines are informative :—

Ere ten short months have ran their swift career,
Three lovely sisters press the untimely bier !

Mrs. Robinson being the last to go. The verses are also printed among *The Poetical Works of Anna Seward*, ed. Walter Scott, 1810, II., 181-2). I do not know the parentage of the three unfortunate Miss Wilds.

The second wife of the Rev. R. G. Robinson, whom he married in November 1790, was Mary Woolhouse, third daughter of the Rev. Robert Thorp [1743 ?-1815], of Buxton, by Martha [1737-1805] his wife, daughter of Gervase Disney, who was third son of the Rev. John Disney [1677-1730], by Mary his wife, daughter of William

Woolhouse, M.D. (Burke's *Peerage*, 1937, under "Baron Burgh"; Burke's *Landed Gentry*, 1937, under "Disney of the Hyde"; and *Dict. Nat. Biog.*, under John Disney [1677-1730]).

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS

ST. MARY'S, LICHFIELD

- 1681/2. Jan. 29. bapt. William, son of Mr. William Robinson.
 1683. May 5. bapt. Luke, son of Mr. William Robinson.
 1685. Aug. 21. bapt. Sarah, dau. of Mr. William Robinson.
 1686. Nov. 13. bapt. James, son of Mr. William Robinson.
 1687. Dec. 11. bapt. Mary, dau. of Mr. William Robinson.
 1689. May 8. bapt. Rebecca, dau. of Mr. William Robinson.
 1691. May 28. bapt. Thomas, son of Mr. William Robinson.
 1691. July 5. burd. Thomas, son of Mr. William Robinson.
 1692. Aug. 10. bapt. Hannah, dau. of Mr. William Robinson.
 1694. Apl. 11. bapt. Elizabeth, dau. of Mr. William Robinson.
 1696. Aug. 23. bapt. Joseph, son of Mr. William Robinson.
 1697. Aug. 22. bapt. John, son of Mr. William Robinson.
 1717/18. Mch. 16. bapt. William, son of James Robinson.
 1719. Aug. 13. bapt. Wakefield, son of James Robinson.
 1721/2. Feb. 13. bapt. Sarah, dau. of James Robinson.
 1722. Oct. 17. burd. Sarah, wife of Mr. Luke Robinson.
 1722/3. Mch. 7. bapt. James, son of James Robinson.
 1724. May 17. mard. Mr. Luke Robinson and Mrs. Dorothy Babbington.*
 1724. Sept. 5. bapt. Joseph, son of James Robinson.
 1725. June 29. bapt. John, son of Mr. Luke Robinson.
 1725. Sept. 16. burd. Mr. William Robinson.
 1727. Aug. 23. burd. Mrs. Sarah Robinson, widow.
 1727. Sept. 7. bapt. Mary, dau. of Mr. Luke Robinson.
 1729. Sept. 24. burd. Mrs. Hannah Robinson.
 1731. July 17. bapt. William and Luke, sons of Mr. Luke Robinson.
 1733. Nov. 30. bapt. Ann, dau. of Mr. Luke Robinson.†
 1743/4. Feb. 5. burd. Mr. Joseph Robinson.
 1744/5. Feb. 5. burd. Mr. James Robinson.
 1748/9. Feb. 9. mard. Mr. Matthew Bolton and Miss Mary Robinson.
 1749. Oct. 29. burd. Mr. Luke Robinson.
 1760. Aug. 12. burd. Mrs. Jane Robinson.
 1769. Sept. 2. burd. Mr. Joseph Robinson.
 1773. Apl. 29. mard. Mr. Cary Robinson, and Ruth Foster, both of this par., *lic.*

* Their marriage settlement was dated 15 May 1724.

† Mr. Homer told me she was born 3 Nov. 1733.

1796. Apl. 19. bapt. John, son of Luke and Mary Robinson.
 1797. Feb. 20. burd. Mr. Cary Robinson.
 1798. May 6. bapt. Sarah, dau. of Luke and Mary Robinson.
 1800. June 1. bapt. Louisa, dau. of Luke and Mary Robinson.
 1803. June 12. bapt. Sarah, dau. of Luke and Mary Robinson.

ST. MICHAEL'S, LICHFIELD

1706. June 6. mard. Luke Robinson and Sarah Wright.
 1739. Apl. 26. burd. Mr. William Carey.

ST. CHAD'S, LICHFIELD

1794. Mch. 23. bapt. William, son of Luke and Rachael Robinson.
 1799. May 20. burd. Sarah, dau. of Luke Robinson.
 1803. Sept. 24. burd. Louisa, dau. of Luke Robinson, taylor.
 1812. Apl. 29. burd. Luke Robinson, taylor, Wade Street, aged 52.

WHITTINGTON, near LICHFIELD

1760. May 25. burd. Mrs. Robinson, widow of the late Mr. Luke Robinson.
 1764. Sept. 24. burd. Luke Robinson, Esq., from Lichfield.

ABSTRACTS OF WILLS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

WILLIAM CARY, of the city of Lichfield, gent. Will dated 29 Mch. 1732. In an indifferent state of health. To my dear and loving wife *Mary*, an annuity of £30, to be paid quarterly, and give her all my household goods and furniture as she shall think fit. Subject to said annuity, I leave to my dau. *Jane*, wife of *James Robinson*, my house in Market Street *alias* Sadlers Street, in city of Lichfield, in possession of *George Fletcher* and *Richard Thorneloe*, and my two barns in St. Johns Street, in said city, now in my own possession, with the croft on the backside, and also all my two acres of land lately enclosed out of a common field called Castle Ditch, in co. of said city, and also my cottage with appurtenances, in Longdon, co. Staffs., which I hold by lease under the *Rt. Hon. the Earl of Uxbridge*, to hold to my said dau. for her natural life, and after her decease to my grandson, *Cary Robinson*, son of my said son and dau., *James and Jane Robinson*, his heirs and assigns for ever, but in case he dies before 21 without lawful issue then the same to all the children of my said son and dau. as shall be living, and their heirs and assigns for ever, as tenants in common. Subject to said annuity and legacies I leave the rest of my personal estate to my said dau., *Jane Robinson*, for life, and after her decease the sum of £300

part thereof to said grandson, *Cary Robinson*, and £400 more thereof to my grandsons, *William, James, Joseph* and *Jeremiah Robinson*, sons of my said son and dau., to be equally divided between them or such of them as shall be living. If said grandson, *Cary Robinson*, shall die before the said £300 becomes payable, or before 21, then it is to be divided between his then surviving brothers equally. To my nephew, *William Cary*, and my niece, *Mary Cary*, £20 apiece at 21, the interest in the meantime to go to their maintenance or education, or to the survivor. Residue to son and dau., *James* and *Jane Robinson*, and they to be exors. Signed, *Will. Cary*. Wits., *Luke Robinson, John Hartwell* and *Theo. Levett*. Proved 17 July 1739, at Lichfield, by *James Robinson* and *Jane Robinson* his wife, the exors.

2 July 1819. Admon. of *William Cary*, of Lichfield, granted to *Edward Bond*, of Lichfield, gent. On which date also appears personally *Morris Lythall Fowler*, of the city of Lichfield, farmer, and suggests that by an indenture of 25 Nov. 1713, between *Henry Jackson*, tobacconist, and *William Smith*, exors. of *Henry Jackson*, decd., of 1st. part, and *William Cary*, of Lichfield, currier, and *John Rutter*, of the same, farmer, of 2nd. part, and *William Gorton*, of 3rd. part, the remainder of 500 years in a dwelling house in Lichfield in a street called Stowe Street, adjoining the house and tanyard of *John Rutter*, with barns, stables, etc., formerly purchased by said *William Gorton*, the father, of and from *Christopher Holmes* and *Elizabeth* his wife, which term was created by another indenture of 2 Oct. 1711 made between said *William Gorton* of the one part and *Henry Smith* of the other part, was vested in said *William Cary*, his exors. and assigns, to the use of *John Rutter*, etc., and that *William Cary* died without having assigned said term and by his will appointed *James Robinson* and *Jane* his wife exors., who proved it in this court 17 July 1739, but died without having assigned said term, that said *Jane Robinson* was the survivor and made her will and appointed her sons *William* and *Joseph Robinson* her exors., who both died without having assigned said term, and that *William Robinson* was the survivor and died intestate, and letters of admon. of his personal estate were granted 2 Mch. 1798 to *William Robinson*, his nephew, in P.C.C., and that there is now no legal representative of said *William Cary*, decd., and that *Morris Lythall Fowler* is entitled to said burgage house and premises for the remainder of the term of 1000 years assigned to him by *William Fowler*, who purchased from *Thomas* (? *Hughway*), to whom the term was granted by *John Smith*, the owner of the freehold of said premises, by indenture dated 24 Mch. 1755, and that he is desirous of having the remainder of afsd. term of 500 years assigned to a fresh trustee to strengthen his title for 2000 years in so far as the remainder of the said term of 500 years will extend, and for that purpose is desirous of a legal representative of said *William Cary*, and nominates *Edward Bond*, of city of Lichfield, gent., to administer, etc. Surety to bond, *Morris Lythall Fowler*. Effects in this admon. under £50.

JAMES ROBINSON, of Lichfield, gent. Will dated 13 Feb. 1740/1. To my eldest son, *William*, £2730, and £500 further. To my son *James*, £1410. To

my son *Joseph*, £885. To my son *Jeremiah*, £1500. To my son, *Carey Robinson*, £1600. To be paid at the ages of 21, to those under age at my death. My son *William* had £200 given him by the will of my late bror., *William Robinson*, decd., and £300 by my late mother, *Sarah Robinson*, and £20 by uncle *Wakefield*, decd., and my other sons had also legacies from the same, so I desire my wife *Jane* to pay them, as I have received the money. My messuage I lately built in Boar Street, adjoining the Guildhall, Lichfield, to my wife, and after her death the same, and land near Stow Street, Lichfield, to my son *Joseph*, in tail male, with contingent remainders to my sons *William*, *James*, *Jeremiah* and *Carey*. To my son *William*, my land at Stretton. To my wife, my land at Tansley, in par. of Crich, and Matlock, co. Derby, with remainders to my sons *Jeremiah* and *Carey*; to her also my lands at Moreton, co. Staffs., with remainder to my sons *James* and *Joseph*. My lands at Currborrow, co. Staffs., to my wife, with remainder to my son *William*. My lands at Lapley, co. Staffs., to my wife for ever. To my brors., *Luke* and *Joseph*, £10 each. To the poor of St. Mary's, Lichfield, £10. Resid. legatee, my wife *Jane*. Exors., my wife *Jane* and son *William*. Signed, *James Robinson*. Wits., *Sim^o Crowley*, *Cary Butt* and *Char. Howard*. Codicil dated 16 Dec. 1742. Whereas I have bought the advowson and right of patronage of Stoke upon Trent rectory, co. Staffs., and the right of patronage, etc., to the churches and chapels of Newcastle under Line, Whitmore, Norton, Bagnall and Burslem, in the par. of Stoke upon Trent, I give the same to my son *William*, in lieu of £2730 bequeathed to him, to my said son, and the heirs of his body, with contingent remainders to my sons, *James*, *Jeremiah*, *Joseph* and *Carey*, and the issue of their bodies. Whereas I have bought the right of patronage of the rectory of Swinnerton, co. Staffs., I give the same to my son *James*, in lieu of £1410 bequeathed to him, to him and the heirs of his body, with contingent remainders to my sons *Jeremiah*, *William*, *Joseph*, *Carey* and their issue. Whereas the rectory of Swinnerton lately became void by the death of *Mr. Brett*, and my son *James* is not of age capable of being in orders, therefore I have presented my son *William* to the said rectory, and I desire him when *James* is of age and in priest's orders to resign the same to him. If *James*, by the death of *William*, become seised of the advowson of Stoke upon Trent, then my son *Jeremiah* shall be seised of the advowson of Swinnerton, if in priest's orders. To my cousin, *Humphry Jackson*, clerk, £10; to his wife, £5. Signed, *James Robinson*. Wits., *Simon Crowley*, *Cary Butt* and *Char. Howard*. Proved 12 Mch. 1744/5, in P.C.C. (Seymour, 101), by *Jane Robinson*, power reserved to *William Robinson*, clerk, son and exor., when he shall apply for same.

JAMES ROBINSON, of Worcester College, in the University of Oxford. Will dated 1 May 1745. To my mother, *Jane Robinson*, £20. To my eldest bror., *William Robinson*, £20. To my bror., *Joseph Robinson*, £20. To my bror., *Jeremiah Robinson*, £10 and all my books. To my bror., *Cary Robinson*, £120. To my cousin, *Humphrey Jackson*, clerk, £5, and to his wife, £5. To said bror., *William Robinson*, my house and lands at Draycot, co. Staffs., with the appurtenances, now or late in occupation of *Hugh Harrison*, and also my share of the

estate which came to me at the death of *Mr. Neal Hutchinson*, of Burton on Trent, to him and his assigns for ever. To said bror., *Joseph Robinson*, the moiety of the estate at Moreton, co. Staffs., which shall come to me at the death of my mother, *Jane Robinson*, to him and his heirs for ever. Residue of personal estate to said bror., *Joseph Robinson*, and he to be exor. Signed, *James Robinson*. Wits., *Nicholas Morris*, *John Peace* (mark) and *Will: Quinton*. Proved 7 Jan. 1748/9, at Lichfield, (as of *James Robinson*, late rector of Swinnerton, co. Staffs.), by *Joseph Robinson*, gent., the sole exor.

LUKE ROBINSON, of Lichfield, gent. Will dated 12 Feb. 1748/9. To my dau. *Mary* and her husband, *Mathew Boulton*, £10 each, she having had her portion on marriage. To my dau., *Ann Robinson*, £3000 at age of 21. To *John Pace*, £10. All other my personal estate to my wife, *Dorothy*, and also my dwelling house held by lease of St. John Baptist Hospital, Lichfield, with remainder after her death to my son *Luke* and his heirs for ever. To my said son, all other my lands, etc., in Lichfield and co. Staffs., except mortgages, which I give to my wife and *Joseph Simpson*, of the Inner Temple, London, esq. To my son *Luke*, also, all my real estate in Yoxhall, Elmhurst, Hanbury, Chorley and Burton upon Trent, cos. Staffs., Warw., and Derby. My wife to be guardian of my children until their ages of 21. Exors., my wife and the said *Joseph Simpson*. Signed, *Luke Robinson*. Wits., *Thos. Bernard*, *Stephn. Simpson* and *Char. Simpson*. Codicil dated 20 Feb. 1748/9. Wits., *Wm. Gill*, junr., *Jno. Willington* and *Chas. Simpson*. Proved 10 Jan. 1749/50, in P.C.C. (Greenly, 24), by the exors.

JANE ROBINSON, of the city of Lichfield, widow. Will dated 19 Sept. 1750. Land in Castleditch, Lichfield, which I lately purchased from *Richard Dyott*, esq., to my son, *Carey Robinson*, and his heirs, he paying my exors. £93-15-0, to go with the residue of my estate. To my eldest son, *William Robinson*, all my other lands. To my son, *Joseph Robinson*, for his assistance in my business since my husband's death, £500, he to allow my kinsman, *James Carey*, such weekly allowance as he shall think fit. To said son *William*, my large silver coffee pot and small silver waiter, and my best diamond rings. To son *Carey*, a large silver tankard which belonged to my father *Carey*. To son, *Jeremiah Robinson*, a large silver waiter and my other diamond rings. To my cousins, *Mr. and Mrs. Jackson*, of Burton upon Trent, £10. To *Mr. William Quinton*, if living with me at the time of my death, mourning, and black to my children out of my stock-in-trade. To the poor of Lichfield, £10. Residue of estate, with shop, counters, etc., to my son *Joseph*, and I hope that my son, *Carey Robinson*, will carry on the business, and also my son *Joseph*. The legacies in my father *Carey's* will to be paid. Resid. legatees, my sons. Exors., my sons *William* and *Joseph*. Signed, *Jane Robinson*. Wits., *Mary Catherine Le Clerc*, *John Thropp* and *Char. Howard*. Proved 25 Aug. 1760, in P.C.C. (Lynch, 337), by the exors.

JEREMIAH ROBINSON, late of Swinnerton, co. Staffs., clerk. Admon. granted 18 July 1763, at Lichfield, to *William Robinson*, the lawful bror., of Swinnerton

afsd., clerk. Sureties, *Joseph Robinson*, of city of Lichfield, gent., and *Cary Robinson*, of same, gent.

JOSEPH ROBINSON, of Lichfield, gent. Will dated 12 Dec. 1764. My long annuity, bringing me £28 yearly, in which remains a term of 25 or 26 years, to my bror., *Cary Robinson*. To my bror., *William Robinson*, my plate, books, etc. To my servant, *Hannah Deakin*, 80 guineas. To my servants, *Joseph Moore* and *Ann Gilbert*, 10 guineas each. To the poor of Lichfield, £10. Resid. legatees and exors., my brors., *William* and *Cary Robinson*, they to have my claim to the estate in Lancashire mortgaged to me by *Mr. Nicholas Lilley*. My bror. *William* to be at the charge of 6 coats left by my late *Uncle Wakefield* to 6 poor men of Burton, and 20^s/- yearly left by *Mrs. Sarah Wakefield* to 20 poor widows of Burton. Signed, *Jos. Robinson*. Codicil dated 12 Apl. 1765. Having had a severe attack of illness and been extraordinarily cared for by *Hannah Deakin*, I give her further £15 a year for life. To my old friend, *Mrs. Mansell*, £5. Signed, *Jos. Robinson*. On 12 September 1769, *Richard Edge*, of Lichfield, gent., and *Thomas Jones*, of same, gent., swore to writing of will and codicil. Proved 23 Sept. 1769, in P.C.C. (Bogg, 322), by *William Robinson*, clerk, and *Cary Robinson*, brors. and exors. of decd.

REV. WILLIAM ROBINSON, clerk, late of Swinnerton, co. Staffs., bachelor, decd. Admon. granted 2 Mch. 1798, in P.C.C., to *William Robinson*, esq., nephew and one of the next-of-kin of decd. Under £10,000.

WILLIAM ROBINSON, Rector of Swinnerton, co. Staffs. Will dated 1 Nov. 1811. The advowson and right of patronage, etc., to the said church of Swinnerton, to my trustees and exors. to dispose of as seems to them best for my family. The piece of land formerly belonging to my estate at Moreton, but not settled in my marriage writings, because surrounded by my mother's estate at Draycott, to my mother, *Ruth Robinson*; all my other lands to my trustees, they to pay my wife, *Ellen Jane*, 200 guineas, to give her all my furniture, plate, etc., and 100 guineas a year. To *Rev. John Chappel Woodhouse*, D.D., Dean of Lichfield, and to *Chappel Woodhouse*, esq., £1060, to pay *Miss Ann Baggerly*, formerly living with *Lady Elizabeth Drummond*, in Baker Street, Portman Square, London, £700; to *Thomas*, *Edward* and *William*, sons of my late aunt, *Ann Forster*, £100 each; and to *Jane*, wife of *Joseph Cooper*, of Lichfield, maltster, £20; to *Luke Robinson*, of Lichfield, tailor, £20; and to *Thomas Robinson*, of Newbro, Hanbury, shoemaker, £20. Residue in trust for my daus., *Ellen Jane Robinson* and *Marianne Robinson*, and any other children to be legally born to me. Trustees and exors., my mother and my wife. Signed, *Wm. Robinson*. Wits., *Wm. Blakman*, *Edwd. Fox* and *Geo. Hackett*. Codicil dated 2 Mch. 1812. To my trustees, my advowson, etc., of Stoke-upon-Trent and Newcastle-under-Lyne churches, co. Staffs., to sell same for good of my family. Wits., *Geo. Hackett*, *Mary Hackwood* and *Ann Pooler*. Proved 9 Sept. 1812, in P.C.C. (Oxford, 430), by exors. named.

MISCELLANEOUS EVIDENCE

The following extracts from Harwood's *Lichfield* give the civic record of the Robinsons :—

- p. 429. 1685. William Robinson. Sheriff.
 p. 430. 1697. William Robinson. Junior Bailiff.
 1702. William Robinson. Senior Bailiff.
 p. 432. 1723. James Robinson. Junior Bailiff.
 1726. Luke Robinson. Junior Bailiff.
 1730. Joseph Robinson. Junior Bailiff.
 1733. James Robinson. Senior Bailiff.
 p. 433. 1736. Luke Robinson. Senior Bailiff.
 1737. Joseph Robinson. Senior Bailiff.
 1740. James Robinson. Senior Bailiff.
 1745. Luke Robinson. Senior Bailiff.
 p. 437. 1795. Cary Robinson. Junior Bailiff.

Four of the family were at Oxford, as shewn in Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses* :—

ROBINSON, JAMES, s. James, of St. Mary's, Lichfield (city), gent. Oriel Coll., matric. 20 May, 1740, aged 17, B.A. 26 Jan., 1743/4; M.A. from Worcester Coll., 1746. See *Gent.'s Mag.*, 1792, ii., 767.

ROBINSON, JEREMIAH, s. James, of Lichfield, gent. Worcester Coll., matric. 4 May, 1745, aged 18; B.A. 22 Feb., 1748-9, M.A. 1751.

ROBINSON, WILLIAM, s. James, of Lichfield, co. Stafford, gent. University Coll., matric. 15 May, 1735, aged 17; B.A. 1 Feb., 1738-9, M.A. 1741, rector of Swinnerton and Stoke-upon-Trent, died 11 Sep., 1797; another of the same names and livings died in 1812.

ROBINSON, WILLIAM, s. Carey, of Hanbury, co. Stafford, arm. Brasenose Coll., matric. 15 Dec., 1794, aged 17; B.C.L. 1801.

From Rupert Simms's *Bibliotheca Staffordiensis* we learn a few more particulars of the above : that Jeremiah Robinson was Rector of Swinnerton, 1750-63, when he died; that William Robinson, the elder, was Rector of Swinnerton, but resigned in 1750 (to make way for Jeremiah), coming in again on Jeremiah's death in 1763 and remaining till his own death in 1797, and was Rector of Stoke from 1770 till death; and that William Robinson, the younger, was Rector of Stoke from 1801 to 1812, and of Swinnerton for the same dates, being also a Prebendary of Lichfield.

A Short Account of Lichfield Cathedral, 3rd ed., Lichfield, 1823, pp. 68-9, gives copies of the inscriptions on "the much admired monument of the Robinson Family," in the south choral aisle, under the east window. The first part "is upon a mural tablet of black marble enveloped with a mantle, on which are the arms of Robinson impaling Woodhouse" :—

The Reverend | William Robinson, B.C.L. | Prebendary in this Cathedral, | Rector of Swinnerton, and of Stoke upon Trent, | A pious and excellent Man, | An able and successful Minister | In the Church of Christ, | Departed this Life March 21st, 1812, | Aged 35. | He married Ellen Jane, | Daughter of the very Reverend Dr. Woodhouse, Dean of this Cathedral, | who, with two infant Daughters, | Ellen Jane and Marianne, | Survived him.

"Below, on a mattrass of white statuary marble, these two infant daughters, who did not long survive him, are seen reposing in sacred sleep, with this inscription" :—

Sacred to the Memory of | Ellen Jane and Marianne, | only children | of the late Rev. William Robinson | and Ellen Jane his Wife. | Their affectionate Mother, | In fond remembrance of their "Heav'n-lov'd-Innocence," | Consigns their resemblances to this Sanctuary, | In humble Gratitude | For the glorious Assurance, that | Of such is the Kingdom of God.

Shaw's *Staffordshire*, I., 335, notes a monument in St. Mary's Church, Lichfield, to "James Robinson, gent. died in 1744," which cannot now be traced ; and on p. 337, in an account of the charities, we learn that "Luke Robinson, esq. gave by will, to four trustees, the sum of 300*l.* the interest to be given yearly, on Christmas day, to the poor inhabitants of St. Mary's parish," no date being given. Perhaps the reference is to the younger Luke, whose death is noticed in *The Gentleman's Magazine* for September 1764, p. 450 :—

(Sept. 24) Luke Robinson, Esq.; at Litchfield.

He is said to have made a will in which he left his property to his only sister Ann, wife of Matthew Boulton, but it has not been found at Lichfield or in P.C.C.

The following is another obituary from *The Gentleman's Magazine* :—

1763. July. p. 362.

(July 9) Rev. Mr Robinson, R. of Swinnerton, Staff.

Mr. Laithwaite has sent me some notes from the Court Leet Records of Lichfield, where "Mr. Bayliff Robinson" appears under Sadler Street in 1703.

NARRATIVE PEDIGREE

WILLIAM ROBINSON, of Sadler Street, Lichfield, gent.; "reputed 42" in 1695; Sheriff of Lichfield in 1685, Junior Bailiff in 1697, and Senior Bailiff in 1702; burd. 16 Sept. 1725, at St. Mary's, Lichfield. Mard. Sarah, aged "38" in 1695; burd. 23 Aug. 1727, at St. Mary's, Lichfield, having had issue by William Robinson,

- I. William Robinson, of New Inn, London, gent.; bapt. 29 Jan. 1681/2, at St. Mary's, Lichfield; aged "35" on 9 Oct. 1719; died before 13 Feb. 1740/1, leaving will (not traced).
- II. Luke Robinson, of Lichfield, mercer; bapt. 5 May 1683, at St. Mary's, Lichfield; Junior Bailiff in 1726, Senior Bailiff in 1736 and again in 1745; burd. 29 Oct. 1749, at St. Mary's, Lichfield. Will dated 12 Feb. 1748/9, with codicil of 20 Feb. 1748/9, proved 10 Jan. 1749/50, in P.C.C. Mard. 1st. to Sarah Wright, on 6 June 1706, at St. Michael's, Lichfield; she was burd. 17 Oct. 1722, at St. Mary's, Lichfield, leaving no issue. Mard. 2nd. 17 May 1724 (settlement dated 15 May 1724), at St. Mary's, Lichfield, to Dorothy, dau. and coheir of John Babington, of Whittington and Curborough, co. Staffs., by Mary his wife, dau. of Ralph Hawkes. By her, who was burd. 25 May 1760, at Whittington, Luke Robinson had issue,
 1. John Robinson, bapt. 29 June 1725, at St. Mary's, Lichfield; died young.
 2. William Robinson (twin with Luke), bapt. 17 July 1731, at St. Mary's, Lichfield; died young.
 3. Luke Robinson (twin with William), of Lichfield; bapt. 17 July 1731, at St. Mary's, Lichfield; died 24 Sept. 1764, at Lichfield, unmard., and was burd. at Whittington; said to have left estate to only sister Ann, by will dated Sept. 1764 (not traced).
 1. Mary Robinson, bapt. 7 Sept. 1727, at St. Mary's, Lichfield; mard. 9 Feb. 1748/9, at St. Mary's, Lichfield, as his 1st. wife, to Matthew Boulton, of Soho, the celebrated engineer and partner with James Watt. He, son of Matthew Boulton, of Birmingham, toymaker, was born 3 Sept. 1728 (o.s.), at Birmingham, and died 17 Aug. 1809, at Soho, being burd. at Handsworth. She died Aug. 1759, having had issue by Matthew Boulton, who all died young, Dorothea Babington Boulton, bapt. 30 Jan. 1749/50, at St. Mary's, Lichfield.

Ann Boulton, bapt. 2 May 1753, at St. Mary's, Lichfield.

Maria Boulton, burd. 3 May 1753, at St. Chad's, Lichfield.

2. Ann Robinson, born 3 Nov. 1733 ; bapt. 30 Nov. 1733, at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; mard. in summer of 1761, as his 2nd. wife, the above Matthew Boulton. She was drowned 11 July 1783, in Soho Pool, having had issue (bapt. at Handsworth),
Matthew Robinson Boulton [1770-1842], of Great Tew, co. Oxford, from whom descend "Boulton of Tew Park" (see Burke's *Landed Gentry*).
Anne Boulton [1768-1829] ; died unmard.

III. JAMES ROBINSON, of whom presently.

- IV. Thomas Robinson, bapt. 28 May 1691, and burd. 5 July 1691, at St. Mary's, Lichfield.
- V. Joseph Robinson, of Lichfield ; bapt. 23 Aug. 1696, at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; Junior Bailiff in 1730, and Senior Bailiff in 1737 ; burd. 5 Feb. 1743/4, at St. Mary's, Lichfield.
- VI. John Robinson, bapt. 22 Aug. 1697, at St. Mary's, Lichfield.
- I. Sarah Robinson, bapt. 21 Aug. 1685, at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; aged " 11 " in 1695.
- II. Mary Robinson, bapt. 11 Dec. 1687, at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; aged " 5 " in 1695.
- III. Rebecca Robinson, bapt. 8 May 1689, at St. Mary's, Lichfield.
- IV. Hannah Robinson, bapt. 10 Aug. 1692, at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; aged " 1 " in 1695 ; ? burd. 24 Sept. 1729, at St. Mary's, Lichfield.
- V. Elizabeth Robinson, bapt. 11 Apl. 1694, at St. Mary's, Lichfield.

JAMES ROBINSON, *third son of William Robinson preceding and of Sarah his wife* ; of Lichfield, mercer ; bapt. 13 Nov. 1686, at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; Junior Bailiff in 1723, and Senior Bailiff in 1733 and 1740 ; burd. 5 Feb. 1744/5, at St. Mary's, Lichfield. Will dated 13 Feb. 1740/1, with codicil of 16 Dec. 1742, proved 12 Mch. 1744/5, in P.C.C. Mard. Jane, only dau. and heir of William Cary, of Lichfield, currier, and of Mary his wife, and by her, who was burd. 12 Aug. 1760, at St. Mary's, Lichfield, and whose will, dated 19 Sept. 1750, was proved 25 Aug. 1760, in P.C.C., had issue,

- I. Rev. William Robinson, born in par. of St. Michael's, Lichfield ; bapt. 16 Mch. 1717/18, at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; matric. 15 May 1735, aged 17, from University Coll., Oxford ; B.A. 1 Feb. 1738/9 ; M.A. 1741. Rector of Swinnerton, co. Staffs., from 1742 to 1750, and from 1763 to death ; Rector of Stoke-upon-Trent from 1770 to death. Died unmard. 11 Sept. 1797. Admon. granted 2 Mch. 1798, in P.C.C.
- II. Wakefield Robinson, bapt. 13 Aug. 1719, at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; died young.

- III. Rev. James Robinson, born in par. of St. Mary's, Lichfield; bapt. 7 Mch. 1722/3, at St. Mary's; matric. 20 May 1740, aged 17, from Oriel Coll., Oxford; B.A. 26 Jan. 1743/4; M.A. from Worcester Coll., 1746. Rector of Swinnerton, co. Staffs. Died unmard. Will dated 1 May 1745, proved 7 Jan. 1748/9, at Lichfield.
- IV. Joseph Robinson, of Lichfield, mercer; bapt. 5 Sept. 1724, at St. Mary's, Lichfield, and burd. there 2 Sept. 1769. Will dated 12 Dec. 1764, with codicil of 12 Apl. 1765, proved 23 Sept. 1769, in P.C.C.
- V. Rev. Jeremiah Robinson, matric. 4 May 1745, aged 18, from Worcester Coll., Oxford; B.A. 22 Feb. 1748/9; M.A. 1751. Rector of Swinnerton, co. Staffs., from 1750 to death; Incumbent of Whitmore, co. Staffs., from 1758 to death. Died unmard. 9 July 1763. Admon. granted 18 July 1763, at Lichfield.
- VI. Cary Robinson, of Lichfield, esq.; under age, 29 Mch. 1732; Junior Bailiff of Lichfield in 1795; burd. 20 Feb. 1797, at St. Mary's, Lichfield. Mard. 29 Apl. 1773, at St. Mary's, Lichfield, to Ruth Forster, and by her, who was living his widow on 9 Sept. 1812, had issue one son, Rev. William Robinson, born at Hanbury, co. Staffs.; matric. 15 Dec. 1794, from Brasenose Coll., Oxford, aged 17; B.C.L. 1801. Rector of Stoke-upon-Trent, 1801-12, and of Swinnerton, co. Staffs., 1801-12. Prebendary of Lichfield. Died 21 Mch. 1812, aged 35; burd. at Lichfield Cathedral. Will dated 1 Nov. 1811, with codicil of 2 Mch. 1812, proved 9 Sept. 1812, in P.C.C. Mard. Ellen Jane, dau. of the Rev. John Chappel Woodhouse, Dean of Lichfield, who mard. 2nd. Hugh Dyke Acland, and 3rd., on 7 Apl. 1835, Richard Hinckley, of Beacon Place, Lichfield (see *ante*, VII., 157, 166). She died 18 Oct. 1870, having had issue by the Rev. William Robinson,
- (1) Ellen Jane Robinson, living 1 Nov. 1811; survived father, but died in childhood; burd. in Lichfield Cathedral.
 - (2) Marianne Robinson, living 1 Nov. 1811; survived father, but died in childhood; burd. in Lichfield Cathedral.
- I. Sarah Robinson, bapt. 13 Feb. 1721/2, at St. Mary's, Lichfield; died young.

On the death of the two daughters of the Rev. William Robinson, the "sleeping children" of the monument, the issue of their great-great-grandfather, William Cary, of Lichfield, became extinct.

CHARLES SKRYMSHER AND HIS RELATIONSHIP TO JOHNSON

EVER since I issued *The Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, in 1906, I have hoped to discover evidence to clear up definitely the problem of how exactly Charles Skrymsher [1688-1762], of Woodseaves, in the parish of High Offley, in Staffordshire, was "very nearly related" to Johnson. For that was how Johnson himself spoke of their connexion only a fortnight before his death in 1784. In the work referred to, pp. 249-66, I gave a very full account of the Skrymsher family, and its various offshoots. I there shewed that this Charles was the only son of Gerard Skrymsher, "doctor of physick," also of Woodseaves, who was born in 1618 and died in 1700. Gerard, when a man of about sixty-five, married a wife, Catherine, who was some thirty-three years his junior, their eldest child being born in 1686.

At that time I could come only to one conclusion. It was, in the first place, a certain assumption that a "very near relative" could be nothing more distant than a first cousin, whom few people would so describe. It seemed equally certain, however, that Charles Skrymsher could not be anything nearer than a first cousin to Johnson. From this it followed that Dr. Gerard Skrymsher must have been his uncle, or Mrs. Gerard Skrymsher his aunt. As Dr. Gerard Skrymsher cannot have been brother to either of Johnson's parents, Michael Johnson and Sarah Ford, we are driven to the conclusion that Mrs. Gerard Skrymsher must have been his aunt. And as she cannot have been his mother's sister, she must have been his father's.

This conclusion seemed inescapable, and when I reviewed the problem again, sixteen years later, in Part III. of these *Gleanings* (pp. 19-24) I could only repeat it, with added conviction. Distinguished genealogists to whom I have submitted the problem see no other way of explaining the relationship, nor can I.

Fortunately we are not restricted entirely to the eliminatory method of proof. For there are positive facts which give strong support to it. When Dr. Gerard Skrymsher lay dying in his house at Woodseaves he expressed his wishes as to the disposal of his estate to a number of witnesses gathered round. One of these witnesses was

Michael Johnson, who had travelled full twenty-five miles from his home at Lichfield. And it was Michael Johnson, good scribe and amateur lawyer that he was, who actually wrote out the will as expressed. And it was Michael Johnson again who, when administration of the estate was granted to the widow, stood surety for the education of the three children, who were yet minors. It is clear that Michael Johnson was a close connexion, and if any doubt remains that his sister married Dr. Gerard Skrymsher it may help to remove it to point out that Michael's own mother was named Catherine, whereas there was no Catherine in the Ford family. And this connexion of Michael Johnson with the Skrymschers, be it noted, antedates his marriage to Sarah Ford by nearly six years.

It is all perfectly clear, and logical proof has the full support of what independent evidence we possess. Yet I cannot feel satisfied, for after all these years *actual* proof of the connexion being as stated is as lacking as ever. It is most disappointing, for not only would definite evidence that Michael Johnson's sister introduced such different social connexions by marrying into the Skrymscher family be interesting in itself, but it would enable us to deal with other curious problems involved, principal among which is the fact that Charles Skrymscher's sister Hester married Thomas Boothby, of Tooley Park, Leicestershire, the most celebrated foxhunter of his day, who thus would appear to have been first cousin by marriage to Johnson. Yet there is no evidence that Johnson had any knowledge of a connexion to which, as one who believed so strongly in the honours due to birth, he could hardly be quite indifferent, even if we care to imagine that some family differences had left behind a legacy of hostility. On the contrary, he wrote himself that his mother "had no value for" Michael's relatives: "those indeed whom we knew of were much lower than hers" (*ante*, III., 30). This would seem to exclude the Skrymschers and Boothbys pretty effectually from the circle of his kinsfolk, or at least to shew that he had no knowledge of them. Yet he undoubtedly did know of Charles Skrymscher, even if he had lost touch so completely with him that he was quite unaware he had been dead for twenty-two years at the time of his enquiry, and had forgotten that if alive he would only have been four years short of the century. Dr. William Vyse, to whom Johnson addressed

his enquiry, reported that "no descendants of Charles Scrimshaw or of his sisters [after whom Johnson had not enquired] were discovered to be living" (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 249). This was misleading, for though the sisters were dead, and there were no descendants left through them, Charles himself had a son and other descendants living, though where has not been discovered.

About Thomas Boothby I shall have more to say in my next article. Here I have to report a fresh discovery about Charles Skrymsher. Among the "Marriage Licences at Chester 1707-11," published by the *Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire*, in 1935, vol. 85, p. 56, I was surprised to find the following :—

1708. May 12.

Charles Skrymsher of Eccleshall, co. Stafford, gent., and Dorothy Mossond of St. Michael's p. in the city of Chester, wid. Bndsmn.: John Simmons of Chester and John Roe of Chester artificer. Witn.: Tho. Leftwiche. At St. Michael's in Chester or Eccleston near Chester.

A search in the Bishop's transcripts at Chester discovered the entry of the marriage the same day at Eccleston, which is about three miles south of the city :—

1708. May 12. Charles Scrimshaw & Dorothy Mossam.

The actual entry in the Eccleston register runs as follows :—

Charles Scrimshaw of the parish of Eccleshall in the County of Stafford & Dorothy Mossam in the parish of St. Michael's in the city of Chester were married with Licence May 12th. 1708.

The transcripts of Eccleston were searched from 1701 to 1712 inclusive for the names Skrymsher and Mossond, or any variants, but without any other entry being found. A similar search of the transcripts for St. Michael's, Chester, was equally unproductive. The splendid lists of wills proved at Chester, printed by the same *Record Society*, reveal no such name as Mossond or Mossam about that period, and a search through the wills proved at Lichfield, from 1680 to 1730, discovered no name nearer than Moss. The Vicar of Eccleshall has searched his registers from 1700 to 1720 without finding the name of Skrymsher or Mossond under any variety of spelling.

Until the publication of this marriage licence I had no idea that Charles Skrymsher was already a widower when he married Mary Mytton at High Offley—his own parish church—on 28 September

1719. It is possible, now, that Thomas Skrymsher, of Woodseaves, who died in 1762 (and whose son Charles was born in 1754—*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 259), whom I have imagined to be a son of the Charles Skrymsher in question, was born of the first marriage, as may have been his undoubted daughter, Mary, afterwards Mrs. Beckett, for neither of them were baptized at High Offley, as were his other three children (*ibid.*, pp. 251, 259).

Misfortune seems to dog all my attempts to elucidate the Skrymsher connexions, for, as indicated above, I have quite failed to gain any information of the Widow Mossond, or Mossam, whom Charles Skrymsher married as his first wife. I have also failed to trace any more particulars of his children than I have already printed. His son, Mytton Skrymsher [b. 1727], was alive in 1800; his daughter Agnes Catherine married Henry Babb in 1746 and had issue; and his daughter Mary, who married a Beckett, of Hulmewalfield, near Congleton, in Cheshire, was alive in 1784, with issue. But there in each case they end, and decent burial is denied them.

I have two abstracts of Chancery suits relating to the estate of John Skrymsher, of Norbury, who died in 1667, and an abstract of whose will I printed in my original account of the family (*ibid.*, p. 253). The first shews that his children, in 1675, were under the guardianship of their uncle, Dr. Gerard Skrymsher :—

SKRIMSHER v. VENABLES

14 May 1675. Complaint by *Eleanor, James, Charles and Dorothy Skrimsher*, infants, children of *John Skrimsher*, late of Norbury, co. Staffs., esq., decd., by *Jerrard Skrimsher*, their guardian, that the said *John* was seised of a great personal estate in money, plate, household goods, etc., amounting to £3000, and made his will in Feb. 1671(2),* naming his children residuary legatees. They desire *Joseph Venables*, *Margaret* his wife, *Sir Brian Broughton*, *Alice Shelley*, *Peter Spenlove* and *Alice* his wife, *John Irish* and *William Birch*, may be summoned to answer as to the said personal estate.

21 June, 27 Chas. II. (1675). Answer taken at High Offley, of *Joseph Venables*, esq., and *Margaret* his wife, extrix. of the last will of *John Skrimsher*, esq., decd., that the said *Margaret*, late the wife of the said *John Skrimsher*, married *Venables* about three years ago. *Skrimsher* named said *Margaret* and *Sir Bryan Broughton* exors.; he added a codicil to his will, giving *Margaret* additional bequests and saying that any part of his estate

* His will was really dated 21 Feb. 1662/3.

not bequeathed should go towards finishing and perfecting his house at Hill, any surplusage remaining to go to his children. The personal estate amounted to £1545-1-0, and some debts were due to testator. She and *Sir Bryan* proved the will at Lichfield, and an inventory was exhibited, the appraisers being *Mr. Edward Kellett* and *Mr. William Byrch*, who afterwards notified that they had overestimated the estate. *John Skrimsher* devised to her the Hill Farm for life, and gave his dau. *Elizabeth* the best of the household goods, and *Mrs. Elizabeth Skrimsher*, his dau.-in-law, kept the best away from said *Margaret*. A decree was had in this court *re* leases of the Manor of Almington, and *Margaret* was ordered to deliver £536-8-4 to *Elizabeth Skrimsher*, for the use of her son, *Charles Skrimsher*, esq., grandchild and heir of said *John*. There yet remains to be paid to *Eleanor Skrimsher* £300, and to *Dorothy* £200, for their portions. Several Chancery suits were commenced as to the title to Almington Manor.

19 June, 27 Chas. II. (1675). Answer of *William Byrch*, taken at Drakeford, *re* the inventory.

21 June, 27 Chas. II. (1675). Answer of *John Irish*, taken at High Offley, that the goods were of less value than estimated.

As last. Answer of *Alice Shelly re* inventory (Chanc. Proc. before 1714, C.5, Bridges 555/89).

SKRIMSHER v. WYCHERLEY

15 May 1683. Complaint by *Katherine Skrimsher*, one of the daus. of *John Skrimsher*, the elder, late of Norbury, co. Staffs., esq., and *Margaret* his wife, both now decd., an infant about 18 years old, by *James Skrimsher*, gent., her bror. and guardian, that her father, being seised of a considerable estate, made his will in 1665 (*sic*), naming his wife *Margaret* and others exors., and soon after died. *Margaret* proved his will. Being unborn at the date of the making of the will, complainant was not specifically named therein, which her mother realising set out at interest upon bond £200 in the hands of *Daniel Wycherley*, of Clive, co. Salop, esq., on 31 Jan. 1670/1, whereby *Wycherley* became bound in £400 to pay complainant £200 with interest. Afterwards *Margaret* married *Joseph Venables*, gent., and at the latter's request *George Wycherley*, second son of *Daniel*, became bound with the latter on 2 Aug. 1675, to pay the same on 3 Aug. 1676. In Aug. 1677, *Venables* demanded the money from *Wycherley*, alleging he had been assigned complainant's guardian, and *Daniel Wycherley* paid over £50, part of said £200, and a suit was instigated, after which *Daniel Wycherley* paid £150 into Court on 8 Mch. 1678/9, principal money, and £24 interest. *Margaret*, complainant's mother and *Venables'* wife, died about 18 months ago, and *Venables*, combining with *Humphrey Perrey*, of Stafford, gent., has got the money into their hands, to her undoing.

22 June 1683. Answer of *Daniel Wycherley*, confirming above.

18 June 1683. Answer of *Joseph Venables*, taken at Warrington, co. Glouc., that the said £200 was given by *Margaret* for complainant, unless *Margaret* had reason to employ it for herself, which she did, etc.

21 May 1683. Answer of *Humphrey Perry*, that he only became a party in the matter at the request of *Venables*, and knows little about it.

There are plenty of other suits relating to the Skrymschers of Norbury, and I only got abstracts of these two because I thought they might tell us something about Gerard Skrymscher.

John Skrymscher, the elder brother of Dr. Gerard Skrymscher, and the testator whose will was at issue in these suits, married three times, his first wife Alice being a daughter of Sir Francis Leigh, of Newnham Regis, co. Warwick, and sister to the Sir Francis Leigh who was created Earl of Chichester in 1644. His second wife was Elizabeth Watkins, of Hodnet, Salop, while his third was Margaret, daughter of John Shelley. She it is who figures in these Chancery suits, with her children, and who, as we now learn, took a second husband in Joseph Venables, about 1672. Mrs. Elizabeth Skrymscher, mentioned as testator's daughter-in-law, was the widow of his son John, "Adjutant General to Prince Rupert and Standard Bearer of the Pensioners to Charles II.", and daughter of Sir Hervey Bagot, the first baronet of Blithsfield, her son becoming Sir Charles Skrymscher, of Norbury, whose eldest daughter was the first wife of the Thomas Boothby who afterwards married Hester, daughter of Dr. Gerard Skrymscher.

Archdeacon Burne, whose help I have had to acknowledge before, kindly sends me a complete list of the children of James Skrymscher and Eleanor Hockenhull his wife baptized at Norbury:—

John	bapt. 23 Oct. 1600.
Elenora	bapt. 20 Nov. 1603.
Katherine	bapt. 23 Dec. 1604.
Sara	bapt. 20 Feb. 1605/6.
Charles	bapt. 30 Mch. 1608.
Elizabeth	bapt. 31 Mch. 1609.
Grisill	bapt. 19 Nov. 1616 (mard. Ralph Greene, 1634).
Gerrard	bapt. 30 July 1618.

Dr. Gerard Skrymscher was the youngest of the three sons, as shewn, and John the eldest. Catherine, their sister, born in 1604, married John Elliot: she was nurse to James II., and afterwards a woman of the bedchamber who kept his high regard (*ante*, III., 22-4).

It is interesting to trace a blood relationship between Richard Baxter (for whose writings Johnson expressed so high a regard, and whose *Saint's Everlasting Rest* was one of the cherished possessions of his grandfather, Cornelius Ford) and the Skrymshers. Richard Baxter [1582-1663], the elder, of Eaton Constantine, co. Salop, father of the divine, in 1615 married Beatrice [1594-1635-6], daughter of Richard Adney, of High Ercall, co. Salop, by Fortune his wife, eldest daughter of Edmund Braddock, of Adbaston, co. Staffs., by Elizabeth his wife, daughter of John Skrymsher, of Norbury (*Life of Richard Baxter*, by Frederick J. Powicke, 1924, I., 291, II., 267). The Visitation pedigree, on which I relied for the early generations in writing my account of the family, makes this John Skrymsher the grandfather of Dr. Gerard Skrymsher, but, as Harwood points out in his edition of *Erdeswick*, the dates suggest that he was farther back (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, pp. 252, 256 ; *ante*, III., 22).

THOMAS BOOTHBY OF TOOLEY PARK—HIS FAMILY SAID TO BE DRAWN AS CHARACTERS IN FIELDING'S NOVELS

In the preceding article I have marshalled all the evidence to shew that Charles Skrymsher, of Woodseaves, in the parish of High Offley, in Staffordshire, must have been Johnson's first cousin, so that, as Thomas Boothby married Charles's sister, Hester Boothby, for his second wife, the humbly born lexicographer would thus appear (rather extraordinarily) as first cousin by marriage to the greatest foxhunting squire of his day.

The evidence, indeed, is as good as that on which we often forfeit our lives to the hangman. Yet even so I hesitate in my address to the jury, advising them to "go Scottish" and return a verdict of "not proven."

This uncertainty is extremely aggravating, for Thomas Boothby is not merely the figure of a great sportsman but a man around whom conjecture and reminiscence have both conspired to weave some suggestion of literary association. To the conjecture I must myself plead guilty. Thirty years ago I contributed two articles to *Notes and Queries* (10 Series, IX., 361-3, 503-5) in which I discussed the question of the original of Richardson's "Pamela," and after ruling out two claimants in the shape of Lady Gainsborough and Lady Hazlerigg proceeded to weigh up the possibilities of "Mr. B.," who married the humble Pamela, having been identical with Thomas Boothby, who after the death of both his Skrymsher wives married again, between 1712 and 1716, one "Sarah, daughter of of Staffordshire," whom Nichols, through the cold medium of a tabular pedigree, let us know was "a very handsome lady" (*Leicestershire*, IV., 178). I cannot repeat the argument here, which, though it had something in its favour, left even its promulgator unconvinced.

It was some time after this I was rather astonished to find that, though I had not succeeded in establishing an identity between one of Richardson's characters and Thomas Boothby's third wife, there were definite statements by a well known eighteenth century author that Richardson's great rival, Henry Fielding, really had drawn some

of his characters from Thomas Boothby's family circle. This author was Joseph Cradock [1742-1826], himself a Leicestershire squire, who thus recalled some memories of his early years (*Literary and Miscellaneous Memoirs*, by J. Cradock, Esq., M.A., F.S.A., 1826, pp. 220-21) :—

Before I went to the Jubilee [Stratford, 1769], Mrs. Boothby, of Tooley Park, in Leicestershire, requested me to gain any information in my power as to her family of the Cloptons, who were connected with Shakspeare and were buried in Stratford church ; and the following was the result of my inquiries :

Anne, daughter of Hugh Clopton, Esq. a Counsellor of Middle Temple, and Elizabeth his wife, daughter and heiress of Thomas Milward, of Stantonward, Derby, Esq. was married to Thomas Boothby, of Norbury, Staffordshire, son and heir of Thomas Boothby, of Tooley, Leicestershire.

Mrs. Boothby was a lady of fine person and elegant manners, and possessed much celebrity during the latter end of the reign of George the Second, and the commencement of that of George the Third ; and at one time disposed of more preferment in the county of Leicester amongst her friends, as Lord Denbigh asserted, than any other person whatever.

Fielding was intimately connected with the family of Boothby, of Tooley Park ; and it is supposed that more than one character in his excellent novel of Tom Jones was drawn from thence.

Some time after the Stratford Jubilee, Mr. Garrick, who must probably have known Mr. Boothby as one of the most fashionable men of the time, sent some queries to me, having eight or ten thousand pounds to put out on mortgage on the great Leicestershire estate, and I readily furnished him with all particulars.

Garrick, Cradock continues, afterwards cancelled this arrangement for a mortgage, and transferred his money to a West India investment which promised, as he mistakenly hoped, greater security.

Cradock, in a further note on the Boothbys, again introduces a Fielding attribution (*ibid.*, 1828, vol. IV., pp. 276-8) :—

The Mr. Boothby alluded to was called Prince Boothby, from his being constantly attendant on the great. His mother figured high at Court at the latter end of the reign of George the Second, and the beginning of that of his successor. She was supposed to be the Sophia Western of her friend Fielding. Mr. Boothby, when he came of age, was possessed of one of the best-conditioned estates in the county of Leicester. After the loss of that, he succeeded to a second ; and a little before his death, to a third, in right of his mother, which formerly belonged to Sir Hugh Clopton. Mr. Boothby was too fond of the gay world, but possessed an excellent heart. He had

three sisters : one the elegant Mrs. Meynell ; the second, the lady of the Hon. and Rev. Dean Noel ; and a third (which came out, to the surprise of the county), who had been fetched by her brother from a convent in France, as soon as he returned from the Continent. She had some personal defect, but her brother determined to give her a free choice. She had been then so long accustomed to such very different manners, that, at her own request, she returned to her convent, where she died.

By virtue of his double qualification as a Leicestershire gentleman of family and as a man who moved so much in the literary world, Cradock must be accepted as a good witness in such a case, and if we cannot more than very doubtfully surmise the possibility of old Thomas Boothby, the foxhunter, having been the original of Richardson's "Mr. B.", we can at least give serious consideration to the claims of the Tooley Park family to have supplied material for some of the characters in Fielding's novels. We cannot, however, accept Cradock's identification of Sophia Western with Mrs. Thomas Boothby Skrymsher, for that most delightful of his heroines was, on his own confession, a portrait of his wife (*Henry Fielding*, by Miss G. M. Godden, 1910, p. 45). The whole problem is made more complicated, and more "intriguing," by the fact that the two novelists, born into different social worlds and looking at life from very different angles, were actual rivals, and when Fielding published his parody of *Pamela*, under the title of *An Apology for the Life of Mrs. Shamela Andrews*, in 1741, he transformed Richardson's hero into "Mr. Booby," which rather points to the conclusion that Fielding did not associate "Mr. B." with Mr. Boothby, whom he, as a friend of the family, would not wish to drag any nearer to the arena of literary ridicule.

The Boothbys who are thus associated with Fielding are not the particular family in which I am most interested, for they derive, not from Thomas Boothby's second marriage to Hester, daughter of Dr. Gerard Skrymsher, in 1705, but from his first marriage, in 1697, to Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Charles Skrymsher. Thomas Boothby [1699-1751], the eldest son of this first marriage, who took the additional name of Skrymsher under his grandfather's will, married in 1721 Anne, eldest daughter of Sir Hugh Clopton, of New Place, Stratford-upon-Avon, and their youngest and only surviving son was Charles Boothby Skrymsher, or Charles Skrymsher Boothby as he seems to have called himself, who in 1792 took the surname of Clopton

only, under the will of a relative, and died unmarried in 1800 (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, pp. 263-4). He was the "Prince" Boothby of Cradock, whose editor, John Bowyer Nichols, adds the following footnote about him (*Memoirs*, IV., 276):—

This Charles Skrymsner-Boothby-Clopton, Esq. was the person supposed to be alluded to by Foote, in one of his farces, as distinguished by his partiality to people of rank, and inclined to leave one acquaintance to walk with another of superior dignity. His chief peculiarity in dress was in the form of his hat, which was uniformly of the same shape for twenty years together, though he mixed with the most fashionable circles, and was constantly ridiculed by his friends for this whimsical propensity.

The editor has another relative note on Sir Hugh Clopton (*ibid.*, IV., 277):—

He was knighted during the ministry of Walpole, and, with his title, imbibed new political principles. These being pointedly noticed, by the Rev. Mr. Harbage, in Stratford church, Sir Hugh struck him even in the church. He built the famous bridge over the Avon. The third estate, mentioned above, Mr. Boothby obtained on the decease of Mrs. Clopton Parthericke in 1792.* It was then worth nearly £7000 a year, and he was obliged to take the name of Clopton.

In *The Gentleman's Magazine* for 1800, p. 800, there is an account of the suicide, at his house in Clarges Street, Piccadilly, on 27 July, of this same eccentric Mr. "John [*sic*] Skrimshire Boothby Clopton." After spending "some months in a state of melancholy derangement," he that day retired to his room and fired a horse pistol into his mouth. As pointed out, he moved in the highest circles of society. He was known to Horace Walpole, who mentions him in letters ranging from 10 April 1761 (on 9 August 1763 his engagement was reported "to Lady Mary Douglas") to 9 August 1796 (*Letters of Horace Walpole*, ed. Mrs. Paget Toynbee, V., 46, 357; VII., 293; XII., 11, 357; and XV., 413). He was, indeed, claimed as second cousin by Walpole, who, in the letter of 10 April 1761, to Sir Horace Mann, said that "my cousin Boothby† is my cousin; my mother and his were first cousins;

* His great-uncle, Edward Clopton, of Clopton House, Stratford-upon-Avon, had an only daughter Frances, who married John Parthericke, son of Edward Parthericke, of Ely (*Gent. Mag.*, 1800, p. 800).

† "Cousin Boothby," at this reference, is indexed by Mrs. Paget Toynbee as "Thomas Boothby Skrimshire," on the strength of an identifying note by Walpole himself. But Thomas Boothby Skrymsner, as already indicated, died in 1751, so that the reference must be to his son, "Prince" Boothby.

but his, happening not to be the most amiable person in the world, we have had so little connection, that it was perfectly nothing at all." This mother, the daughter of Sir Hugh Clopton, is also mentioned by Walpole, in letters from 22 October 1741 to 23 June 1771 (*ibid.*, I., 111, 161, 196; VIII., 50): they were on terms of social intimacy. Cradock prints two letters from her, obviously a woman of intelligence, written in 1765, when she "was so obliging as to exert her influence with the Duke of Newcastle to procure him the honorary degree of M.A." (*Memoirs*, IV., 118-20).

The relationship which Walpole claimed to "Prince" Boothby is inexplicable on the facts. Walpole's mother, Catherine, first wife of Sir Robert Walpole, first Earl of Orford, was daughter of John Shorter,* by Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Sir Erasmus Philipps, third baronet of Picton (*ante*, V., 201-2). "Prince" Boothby's mother, as already explained, was daughter of Sir Hugh Clopton, of New Place, Stratford-upon-Avon, by Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Thomas Milward, of "Stantonward," co. Derby† (and see Nichols's *Leicestershire*, IV., 171). If Walpole's mother was first cousin to "Prince" Boothby's mother, the two ladies must have had a common grandfather. But it is obvious there can have been no common grandfather here. Even if we assume that Walpole was thinking of "Prince" Boothby's father, Thomas Boothby Skrymsher, we are as far off a solution as before, for *his* mother was a daughter of Sir Charles Skrymsher. I must leave some one else to solve this problem.

Wraxall (*Memoirs*, ed. Richard Askham, 1904, pp. 343-4) mentions "Prince" Boothby as an intimate friend of Charles James Fox, and quotes his acute criticism of the statesman. His sister, Anne Boothby Skrymsher, in 1758 became the second wife of Hugo Meynell, another great figure in the history of foxhunting, whose sister Mary Meynell and her husband, William Fitzherbert, were the early friends of Johnson (*ante*, VI., 126, 165-6). At the last reference quoted I was unable to give the date of death of the above Anne, widow of Hugo

* For Shorter pedigree, see "Le Neve's Knights" (*Harleian Soc.*, vol. 8, pp. 301-2).

† In the marriage settlement of Hugh Clopton and Elizabeth Millward, 26 Sept. 1702, her father is described as Thomas Millward of Curdworth, co. Warw. (H. R. Moulton's *Catalogue of Deeds*, 1930, p. 46).

Meynell : she died 10 December 1814, aged 77, in Charles Street, Berkeley Square (Cradock's *Memoirs*, IV., 277).

"Prince" Boothby, when he died in 1800, as Charles Boothby Clopton, was apparently unmarried and childless, and I cannot identify his namesake, the bridegroom of the following entry in *The Gentleman's Magazine* for June 1815, p. 562 :—

May 8. Charles Boothby Skrymsher, to Anne Amelia, second daughter of Simeon Coley, esq. late of Bedford.

He cannot have emanated, legitimately, from "Prince" Boothby's uncle of the half-blood, Charles Skrymsher Boothby (the nephew of Johnson's "very near relation"), for he had no issue by his wife, Anne Buswell (see *Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 265), as is further evidenced by his will, of which Mr. A. W. Read kindly sent me an abstract :—

CHARLES SKRYMSHER BOOTHBY, of Groby (par. of Ratby), co. Leic., esq. Will dated 2 May 1768. To be interred in the par. church of Foston, co. Leic., in my own vault. My wife *Ann*. Pool House, Groby, where I reside, leased from *Henry, Earl of Stamford*. My nephew, *Charles Boothby Skrymsher*. The *Rev. James Burslem*, of Market Bosworth, clerk, Rector of Cadeby, the *Rev. John Lambert*, clerk, Rector of Foston, and *Valentine Pyne*, of Leicester, gent., to be my exors. Annuities to *Elizabeth Bailey*, my housekeeper, and *Sarah Frisby*, my maidservant. "Whereas it was formerly reported though without any foundation that the said *Ann* my wife had contracted a marriage with *John Newcomon* formerly of Market Bosworth in the said County of Leicester now or late of in the County of Devon, Clerk ; Whereas my decease may become troublesome to the said *Ann* my wife," etc. Signed, *C. S. Boothby*. Wits., *Ann Lewis*, *Mary Major* and *Robt. Hubbard*, junr. Proved 17 Dec. 1774, at Leicester, by *Mr. James Burslem*, *Mr. John Lambert* and *Valentine Pyne*, gent., the exors.

THE PYOTTS OF STREETHAY

THE interest of the Pyott family to me has always lain in the fact that Richard Pyott, esquire, of Streethay (an estate which, though in the parish of St. Michael's, is about two miles from the centre of Lichfield), was one of the trustees of the settlement prior to the marriage of Michael Johnson and Sarah Ford, on 11 June 1706, eight days before the actual wedding (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, pp. 171-3; *ante*, III., 41-2). The existing pedigrees, being not only very deficient of dates at that period, but also inaccurate even to the extent of making one Richard Pyott into two, shewn as father and son, did not enable us exactly to say which Richard Pyott was the one who acted in this trusteeship. Now, however, there is no room for doubt as to its having been the Richard Pyott who was born in 1662 and died in 1728.

The puzzle is to know how and why a man of his social standing came to act as trustee of the marriage of a couple so far below him in the social scale. The local squire may often be found associated with the humbler people around him in many kinds of legal instrument. But in the case of a marriage settlement, where the issues are of a peculiarly domestic and intimate character, it is usual for the trustees to be either close relatives of the principals, or persons closely allied to them by social ties. That Dr. Joseph Ford, the successful country physician, should act is natural enough, for he was the bride's eldest brother, but how did he come to share his trust with one of the principal landowners in the Lichfield neighbourhood, a man of family and breeding, between whom and the Johnsons, or even the Fords, there can at that time have been no meeting on terms of social equality?

The history of the family I now present, in very considerable detail, provides no explanation of the problem, for there is no suggestion of any blood relationship or of any connexion which might have led to some kind of intimacy. The Pyotts do not occur in conjunction with the Johnsons, or the Fords, on any other known occasion. And even on this occasion the tie was soon broken, for Richard Pyott ceased to act as a trustee (*ante*, III., 48-9; IV., 6), though he was still in that capacity on 31 May 1708 (*ante*, VIII., 55-6).

One very interesting fact concerning Richard Pyott, the trustee, does however now emerge—that he is identical with the Richard Pyott who matriculated from Pembroke College, Oxford, on 28 March 1679 (*post*, p. 146). We have always known that Johnson's godfather Samuel Swynfen, was a member of that College, and some of Johnson's own kinsmen and schoolfellows had preceded him there (*ante*, V., 4–5). That one of the trustees of his parents' marriage settlement was also a Pembroke man can now be added to the possible reasons for that College being chosen as his place of education.

Although, as I have already stated, nothing in my account of the Pyotts can be taken as explaining how Richard Pyott came to act in this trusteeship, it is interesting to trace a remarkable series of connexions of a minor character between them and the Johnsonian circle. Using Richard Pyott himself as the unit of reference, we can state a number of them as follows :—

- (1) His great-grandmother, Margery Floyer, wife of Richard Pyott, was great-aunt to Sir John Floyer, on whose advice Johnson was taken to London to be touched by Queen Anne in 1712.
- (2) His great-grand-aunt, Elizabeth Floyer, married Robert Boothby, whose brother, William Boothby, was ancestor of Johnson's friend, Miss Hil Boothby, as well as of Thomas Boothby, of Tooley Park, the great fox-hunter, who married Hester Skrymsher, the sister of Johnson's "very near relative," Charles Skrymsher.
- (3) His father's second cousin, the abovesaid Sir John Floyer, was son of Richard Floyer and Elizabeth Babington, whose brother, Zachary Babington, was ancestor of Mrs. Luke Robinson, Mrs. Theophilus Levett, Matthew Boulton, and others on the fringe of the Johnsonian circle.
- (4) His uncle, Richard Pyott [1620–58], married Barbara Dixie, great-aunt of the Sir Wolstan Dixie whose harsh treatment of Johnson at Market Bosworth left such an ineffaceable impression on his mind.
- (5) His father's first cousin, Anne Pyott, married Edward Darell, who was second cousin to Johnson's mother-in-law, Anne Darell, wife of William Jervis. This Edward Darell's son by a second wife was Robert Darell, who married Mary Porten, aunt to Edward Gibbon, whose housekeeper was Johnson's first cousin, Phoebe Ford.
- (6) His father, John Pyott's, second wife Frances, widow of Thomas Brudenell, was stepmother to Dorothy Brudenell, wife of the Rev. William Baker, Vicar of St. Mary's, Lichfield, who in the ordinary course of events must have christened Johnson.

- (7) His uncle, Francis Wightwick [1618 ?-92], husband of Elizabeth Pyott, was like him a Pembroke College man, and great-uncle to William Adams (afterwards Master), who was one of the junior fellows while Johnson was there, as well as to William Jorden, who was actually Johnson's tutor.
- (8) His first cousin, Francis Wightwick [1653-95], married Elizabeth Fowler, who was niece to Charles Hinton, the master of that Elizabeth Blaney whose romance with Michael Johnson has been so unkindly discredited by research.
- (9) His said cousin's grandson, John Wightwick, was actually at Pembroke, as a scholar, while Johnson was there.
- (10) His aunt, Hester Pyott, married (as his fourth wife) James Allen, grandfather of the Richard Hammond who saw the infant Johnson listening to Sacheverell, and whose daughter was Johnson's friend, the caustic-tongued Moll Cobb.
- (11) His mother's sister, Beatrice Wollaston, married the aforesaid Richard Hammond's brother Thomas, of Edial Hall (afterwards Johnson's school), and had a daughter Sarah, who married his own wife's brother, William Fettiplace Nott.
- (12) His son, John Pyott [1688-1729], married Dorothea Fretwell, and so became brother-in-law to Samuel Swynfen, Johnson's godfather, who married her sister Mabel. His grandchildren were therefore first cousins to Mrs. Desmoulins (*née* Swynfen), whom Johnson cared for so long in his London home.
- (13) His son, Richard Pyott [1692 ?-1738], married Mary Burdett, whose grandmother (Magdalen Aston, wife of Sir Robert Burdett, 3rd. bart.) was great-aunt to Johnson's friend, Molly Aston, as well as great-grand-aunt to Topham Beauclerk; whose brother, Sir Robert Burdett, 4th. bart., was a Governor of Appleby School when Johnson made his application for the headmastership in 1739; whose aunt, Elizabeth Burdett, was wife of Charles Jennens, a co-Governor with Sir Robert; and whose niece was Mrs. Nicholas, about whom, as "A New Admirer for Dr. Johnson," I wrote in *The London Mercury* for January 1930.
- (14) His son, Charles Pyott [1706-89], married Anne Sandys, whose great-niece, Susan Sandys, married Henry Godfrey Faussett, later to become the husband of the above named William Fettiplace Nott's granddaughter, Sarah Nott.
- (15) His daughter, Blanche Pyott [d. 1772], married Thomas Hinckley, whose first wife, Mary Norton, a kinswoman of Harry Porter's, was sister-in-law to Johnson's two schoolmasters at Lichfield, John Hunter and Edward Holbrooke, and so great-aunt to Anna Seward. Thomas Hinckley's aunt, Anne Hinckley, wife of Francis Bayley, was mother of Johnson's old friend, Hetty Bayley.

- (16) His daughter, Frances Pyott, married George Hand, a cousin of Johnson's school rival, Theophilus Lowe, and had a daughter, Frances Hand, who married another schoolfellow, William Bailye, and mothered the Rev. Hugh Bailye, whom Johnson met at Lichfield in 1780.

It is not pretended for one moment that these connexions are close, or that any of them individually are of much significance (indeed they will amuse as well as puzzle a little by their complexity). But they are all *real*, and taken in bulk they do shew rather strikingly the continuous process of genealogical interweaving that went on between the various family groups which helped to shape Johnson's early life. They do not, however, as already admitted, provide any explanation of how it came that Richard Pyott, of Streethay, esquire, consented to act as a trustee of the marriage settlement of the local bookseller.

A DIGEST OF THE PRINTED EVIDENCES

Although the Pyotts, after their rise to wealth in London, and their establishment as a county family on the estate of Streethay, in the parish of St. Michael's, Lichfield, became people of considerable social importance, their pedigree has always remained in a very sketchy and inaccurate state, partly owing to the fact that they died out in the male line early in the nineteenth century, before the "landed gentry" became enshrined in special works of reference. John Pyott, of Streethay, entered his pedigree at the Staffordshire Visitation of 1663, his arms being given as, *Azure, on a fesse or a lion rampant gules, in chief three bezants*, and his crest as, *A demi-lion rampant gules, charged on the shoulder with three bezants, 2 and 1* (*William Salt Archæological Society*, "Staffordshire Collections," vol. 5 (part 2), pp. 247-9). This pedigree is pretty accurate as far as it goes. His uncle, the elder John Pyott, then of Low Leyton, entered his pedigree at the Essex Visitation of 1634 (*Harleian Soc.*, vol. 13, p. 473), but in a very brief form, beginning only with his father, and ending with his own three-year-old boy, Robert. A pedigree in "Staffordshire Pedigrees, 1664-1700" (*Harleian Soc.*, vol. 63, pp. 191-2), does not even give Richard Pyott, the founder, but begins with his son, the second Richard. The fullest pedigree, and the only one which includes the later generations of the family, is that given by Shaw in his

Staffordshire, vol. I., p. 364. This has been very useful in working out the family history, especially as it gives a number of early dates, etc., not obtainable elsewhere. But it contains some extraordinary errors, to which I shall call attention in the detailed notes that follow. The principal one, which helped to prevent me from identifying the particular Richard Pyott who in 1706 acted as one of the trustees of the marriage settlement of Johnson's parents, consisted in adding a generation to the pedigree by making Richard Pyott, born in 1662, into the father of Richard Pyott who married Jane Nott, whereas he was really the same individual (see *post*, p. 144), and thus playing havoc with the children. Shaw's pedigree also shews a weakness in regard to the wives of several of the principal members of the family, in some cases their parentage not being stated, or in cases where the man married twice the children not being properly allocated. The terrible "botch" he made over the marriage of Richard Pyott to Pyarea Mary Milnes is a warning to those who embody the results of casual enquiry in a serious pedigree (see *post*, p. 150).

The Visitation pedigree tells us all that I can definitely offer regarding the origins of Richard Pyott, the founder, who was probably born about 1560 or earlier. It gives his father as Thomas Pyott, and his grandfather as Henry Pyott, of Hound's Cheadle, co. Staffs. Shaw describes this grandfather more fully as of Hound's Cheadle and Booths, co. Staffs., gent. Hound's Cheadle, I am told by Mr. S. A. H. Burne, was a manor belonging to Croxden Abbey, and is probably marked, as to the manor house, by the present farm house of Cheadle Grange. That its name was not a mere corruption is evidenced by its sometimes being called "Dog Cheadle." Booths is in the adjoining parish of Kingsley.

I have abstracts of a good many wills of the Pyotts resident in the Cheadle district, from 1557 to 1615, but none definitely connects with the founder of the Streethay family, though it is obvious in some cases at least that they belonged to the same stock. It is significant that several were of Cheadle Grange, where, indeed, there was a Thomas Pyott, yeoman, as early as 1450 (*William Salt Arch. Soc.*, "Staffordshire Collections," New Series, vol. 3, p. 208). The will of Harry Pyott, of Cheadle, dated 15 October 1556, and proved 18 September 1557, at Lichfield, mentions his son Thomas Pyott, and

his sons again ; while in the inventory of his goods he is described as of Cheadle Grange. The will of a later Thomas Pyott, of Cheadle Grange, is missing, but was proved on 7 January 1594/5, at Lichfield, by Richard Pyott, the brother, power being reserved to Thomas Thorneburie, the other executor. One John Thorneberrie had been an appraiser of Harry Pyott's goods in 1557. It is to be observed that Richard Pyott, Alderman and grocer of London, the founder, who names Cheadle as his birthplace in his will of 2 September 1619 (see *post*, p. 153), makes a bequest to his sister Thornebury and her children ; while Richard's brother William Pyott, also of London, grocer, in his will of 11 August 1626, remembers his sister, Constance Thornebury, widow (see *post*, p. 156). These wills provide other clues which, with any one prepared to investigate more closely and to search the local registers, might lead to the establishment of the earlier pedigree. There are numerous references to the Pyotts of Cheadle and neighbourhood in the "Staffordshire Collections," already quoted from, of the *William Salt Archaeological Society*, but none of them seem of definite value in this connexion. The following extract from the 1927 volume, "Staffordshire Quarter Sessions Rolls," p. 145, relating to persons presented on 13 March 1588/9 as recusants for being absent from church, is, however, suggestive :—

Edward Thorneburye gen.	}	parish of Chedull
Custancia his wife		
Thomas Thorneburye gen.		
Francis Thornebury gen.		
Agnes Pyott otherwise Thorneburye spinster		

It seems very probable that "Custancia," wife of Edward Thornbury, was identical with Constance Thornbury, the sister of Richard Pyott. Harry Pyott, in his will of 1556 already cited, mentions his daughter "Custans." The "Feet of Fines" published in this series give particulars of many transactions by the Pyotts in the sale and purchase of land, including those of Richard Pyott in connexion with Streethay and neighbourhood. Among those fined for knighthood in 1630-31 (vol. 2 (part 2), pp. 15, 21) were the following :—

	£	s.	d.
Richard Pyott, of Boothes, Gent.	10-	0-0	
Richard Pyott, of Streety, Gent.	12-	10-0	

The will of Richard Pyott, late of Boothes, co. Staffs., gent., dated 21 January 1650/1, was proved 21 September 1652, in P.C.C. (Bowyer, 180) : he left sons and daughters and numerous grandchildren. It is to be remarked that one Thomas Pyott, of Huntly (which is in the parish of Cheadle), co. Staffs., married Hester, daughter of Alexander Walthall [d. 1657], of Wistaston, co. Chester, by Alice his wife, daughter of Sir William Skeffington, of Fisherwick, bart., and niece consequently to Mary Skeffington, who married Richard Pyott the second, of Streethay (*Harleian Soc.*, vol. 63, p. 204 ; Ormerod's *Cheshire*, ed. Helsby, III., 333).

Shaw, before presenting his tabular pedigree of the Pyotts, gives some account of their origins (I., 363) :—

This family of Pyott is of considerable antiquity in the North part of this county, at Hound's-Cheadle, &c. many of whom are entered in the old parish register of Dilhorn. And sir Simon Degge gives the following account of them. " Within the parish of Kingsley (a mile from Ipstones) is Booths, the seat of the Pyotts, of Staffordshire, out of which family descended Richard Pyott, late an alderman of London, whose eldest son Richard Pyott hath his seat at Streethay, near Lichfield, and was sheriff of this county 11 Charles I. This Richard was a loyal person, and named in many of the rebels commissions, but would never act."

The clearest and simplest way of referring to the great mass of printed evidence upon which I have drawn seems to be to group it under the family marriages, in the order in which they appear in the narrative pedigree concluding this article, as follows :—

MARY PYOTT *mard.* FRANCIS MANNING.—A pedigree of the Mannings, shewing this marriage, was recorded at the Visitation of London, 1633–5 (*Harleian Soc.*, vol. 17, p. 74).

RICHARD PYOTT *mard.* 1583 MARGERY FLOYER.—The Visitation of Staffordshire, in 1663, says in the Pyott pedigree that Richard Pyott, Alderman of London, the "founder" of the family, married "Margery, da. to Raphe [*sic*] Flyer of Uttoxeter" (*William Salt Archæological Soc.*, "Staffordshire Collections," vol. 5 (part 2), p. 248) ; while the Floyer pedigree (*loc. cit.*, p. 131) omits her altogether, though her father is given, more correctly, as Richard "Flyar," of Uttoxeter. Shaw, in his Pyott pedigree, gives her only as "Margery," without a surname (*Staffordshire*, I., 364). Shaw's pedigree of Floyer

(*ibid.*, II., 21) does not shew her at all, but it shews her brother, Ralph Floyer, of the Middle Temple, who purchased Hints in 1601, and died 16 Feb. 1643, as son of Richard "Flyer," of "Blackenhall," esq., in 32 Eliz. [1589-90], and grandson of Thomas Flyer, of Uttoxeter. Ralph Floyer, of Hints, matriculated in 1581, aged 13, from Trinity College, Oxford, and was admitted a barrister of the Middle Temple in 1592, as son and heir of Richard "Fleyer," of Uttoxeter (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*). He was father of Richard Floyer, of Hints, who was father again of Sir John Floyer (*Harleian Soc.*, vol. 63, p. 90), the celebrated Lichfield physician (see *ante*, III., 10, 19, 61, 66, 115; V., 105; VI., 137-8; VIII., 50). The pedigree of "Flyer," in the Visitation of London, shews Richard "Flyar," of Uttoxeter, with a daughter "Margery, wife to Robert [*sic*] Pyott Alderman of London," and a son, Ralph Floyer, of Hints in 1614 (*Harleian Soc.*, vol. 15, p. 281). The Visitation of Essex in 1634 also shews Margery as daughter to Richard Flyer (*Harleian Soc.*, vol. 13, p. 473).

William Pyott, the fourth son of Richard Pyott and Margery Floyer, was educated at Merchant Taylors' School (see below), and matriculated as a Fellow-Commoner from Jesus College, Cambridge, at Easter 1616: he took his B.A. in 1618/19, and his M.A. in 1622 (Venn's *Alumni Cantabrigienses*).

JOHN PYOTT *mard.* 1st. 1628 MARGERY SIMONS and 2nd. 1642 ANNE ROWE.—John Pyott, presumably the second son of Alderman Richard Pyott, entered Merchant Taylors' School in October 1610, the date of his birth being given as April 1595 (*Register of Merchant Taylors' School*, ed. Charles J. Robinson, 1882, I., 66). William Pyott, the fourth son, entered with him, his date of birth being rightly stated as October 1597. The John Pyott of the pedigrees was junior to William, so was presumably the John Pyot, born April 1599, who entered the School in 1615 (*ibid.*, I., 87), though this conflicts with the date given for his baptism, 12 February 1598. The dates altogether are rather confusing, for if Thomas Pyott, whom I have called the third son, was born on 27 December 1595, he cannot have had an elder brother John born, as stated above, in April of the same year.

This youngest son, John Pyott, is allotted no wife in the Staffordshire Visitation of 1663-4, but in the Essex Visitation of 1634, where

he is described as "of Low Leyton in com. Essex," he is mated to "Margery, d. of Robert Symonds of Wichfford (Wittlesford) in com. Cambridg." (*Harleian Soc.*, vol. 13, p. 473). The Visitation of Cambridgeshire in 1619, as edited for the *Harleian Soc.* (vol. 41, p. 105), gives to Robert Simons, of Whittlesford, co. Camb., and Margery his second wife, daughter of Thomas Wendy, of Haslingfield, in the same county, a daughter "Margery ux. John Pyott of Low Layton in Com. Essex 3 sonn of Richard Pyott of London Aldermann." Shaw (*Staffs.*, I., 364) describes her as "Margery, daughter of Robert Symonds, of Cambridgeshire, married April 26, 1628."

John Pyott's second marriage was on a licence issued by the Bishop of London (*Harleian Soc.*, vol. 26, p. 265):—

1642. May 25. John Piott, Esq., of Low Layton, co. Essex, Widower, 25, & Anne Rowe, of St. Botolph, Aldersgate, Spinster, 20; consent of father Sir William Rowe, Kt.; at St. Botolph, Aldersgate.

Shaw gives her parentage correctly, and the date of her marriage as 26 May 1642.

JOHN PYOTT *mar.* JANE SMYTH.—According to Shaw's pedigree, "John, born Feb. 25, 1634, lived at Gubbins, Herts.", was son of John Pyott by his second marriage to Anne Rowe. But of course he was born of the first marriage to Margery Symonds. He himself married Jane, daughter of Sir Robert Smyth [1630?—...], 2nd. bart., by Jane his wife, eldest daughter of John Trafford, of Dunton Hall, co. Lincs., and of Low Leyton, co. Essex ("Berry's Essex Pedigrees," *Harleian Soc.*, vol. 14, p. 713; G.E.C.'s *Complete Baronetage*, under Smyth; and Foster's *Lancashire Pedigrees*, under Trafford). The only descendants of this marriage, through the daughter Anne who married John Gubbs, are traced in the Chancery suit of 10 Feb. 1748/9 (*post*, p. 175).

ANNE PYOTT *mar.* 1st. 1655 WILLIAM WRIGGLESWORTH and 2nd. 1677 EDWARD DARELL.—John Pyott, by his first marriage to Margery Simons, had a daughter Anne, born, as Shaw tells us, on 31 October 1634. What became of her I do not know: the Anne Pyott I now deal with was a daughter of the second marriage to Anne Rowe, and does not occur in the pedigrees. Her first marriage was

by licence from the Vicar-General of the Archbishop of Canterbury (*Harleian Soc.*, vol. 23, p. 110) :—

1665. Nov. 22. William Wigglesworth, of Walthamstow, Essex, Esq., Bachr., abt. 26, & Mrs. Amie [*sic*] Pyott, of same, Spr., abt. 18 ; consent of father John Pyott, of Tring, co. Herts, Esq. ; at Walthamstow, Low Layton, or Woodford, co. Essex.

The licence for her second marriage was issued from the same office (*ibid.*, vol. 34, p. 188) :—

1676-7. Feb. 12. Edward Darrell, of St. Foster's, Lond., Cit. & Stationer, Bachr., abt. 24, & Anne Wigglesworth, of Tring, co. Herts, Widr., abt. 26 ; at Par. Ch. of Tring afsd.

Of William Wigglesworth I have no other information, and do not know whether he had any children by Anne Pyott. Of Edward Darell full particulars are given in the *Visitation of England and Wales*, "Notes," vol. 12, ed. F. A. Crisp, p. 78, in an elaborate pedigree of his family. The register of St. Michael le Querne, which after the Great Fire of 1666 was united with St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, has the two following entries (*Harleian Soc.*, "Register Section," vol. 30, pp. 222-3) :—

Mrs. Anne Pryott [*sic*], widow, Mother to Mr. Edward Dorrell, Dyed of Age and was Buried in Walthamstow the 16 day of June 1682.

Anne Daughter of Mr. Edward Dorrell Dyed of y^e Ricketts & was Buried in the Midle Ile of the Church the 8th. pew the 15th. day of October 1682, out of Pater noster Row, by Mr. Masters.

In the same register (*ibid.*, vol. 29) occur the baptisms of a number of Edward Darell's children by his second marriage, in 1688, to Elizabeth, daughter of John Briscoe. Of these, Robert Darell, born 13 December 1693, and baptized on the same day (who, as Crisp's pedigree shews, was of Trinity College, Oxford, and of Lincoln's Inn, living at Richmond till his death in 1777), married in 1724 Mary (died 1734), daughter of James Porten, of Putney, and aunt to Edward Gibbon, who employed Johnson's cousin, Phœbe Ford, as his housekeeper (*ante*, VIII., 9-16). In her will of 1779, Miss Catherine Porten, the aunt who kept house for Gibbon, makes bequests to the children of her sister, Mrs. Darell (*ante*, VIII., 12). Her niece Wray, and her niece Jeffreys, were respectively Mary Darell [1725-1803], wife of Daniel Wray [1701-1783], the antiquary (see *Dict. Nat. Biog.*), and Elizabeth Darell [b. 1727], wife of the Rev. John Jeffreys [1718-98], Prebendary of St. Paul's.

ANNE PYOTT *mard. circa 1610* HUMPHREY ROBINSON.—Genealogical particulars of Humphrey Robinson, his ancestors and descendants, are given in Dugdale's Visitation of Yorkshire in 1665, as edited in *The Genealogist* for 1910, New Series, vol. 26, pp. 226-7; also in Hunter's "*Familiae Minorum Gentium*," *Harleian Soc.*, vol. 39, p. 990.

ELIZABETH PYOTT *mard. circa 1608* SIR ROBERT DUCIE.—At the Visitation of Kent, in 1663-68, *Harleian Soc.*, vol. 54, p. 50, is given a pedigree of Sir Robert Ducie and his family; and details of him and his successors in the baronetcy are to be found in G.E.C.'s *Complete Baronetage*, where also appears Sir Thomas Fisher, whose daughter Sarah married Sir Hugh Ducie.

MARY PYOTT *mard. 1620* HUGH BARKER.—Of Hugh Barker, who married Mary, daughter of Richard Pyott, in 1620, there is an account in the *Dict. Nat. Biog.* Full genealogical particulars of him, his wife, and his only daughter, are given by G. E. Cokayne in a pedigree contributed to *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, Series 3, vol. 3, pp. 142, 198. Other references for Hugh Barker are Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*, and *Harleian Soc.*, vol. 58 (Visitation of Bucks., 1634), p. 7. For particulars of Samuel Sandys, who married his only child, Mary Barker, and their family, see Nash's *Worcestershire*, vol. II., pp. 218, 223, and tabular pedigree facing p. 220; also Burke's *Dormant and Extinct Peerages*. For Edwin Sandys, see Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*.

SARAH PYOTT *mard. 1620* FRANCIS JAMES.—The following licence was issued by the Bishop of London (*Harleian Soc.*, vol. 26, p. 92):—

1620. Oct. 18. Francis James, Esq., of St. Olave's, Old Jury, London, Bachelor, 20, his father dead, & Sara Pyott, of St. Lawrence [*blank*], London, Spinster, 19, dau. of Richard Pyott, late Citizen and Alderman of London, decd.; consent of her mother Margery Pyott, of Layton, Essex, Widow; at Layton aforesaid.

Francis James matriculated 10 June 1618, aged 16, from Christ Church, Oxford, as son of William James, Bishop of Durham (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*). Foster says he was "dead before 1645." William James [1542-1617] was Bishop of Durham from 1606 till his death: he

married three times, and it was by his third wife, Isabel Atkinson, that he had his only surviving son, Francis, as above, to whom he left the bulk of his property, and the manor of Washington, co. Durham (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*).

I know nothing of the family of Edward James, Turkey merchant, who married Sarah's elder sister, Margaret Pyott, or whether he was related to Francis. Their brother, William Pyott, in his will of 25 March 1643, includes a bequest to his sister, Margaret Beauchamp, and her husband (*post*, p. 157); while their sister, Mrs. Mary Barker, in her will of 30 October 1648, remembers her sister Beauchamp, and her brother-in-law Beauchamp (*post*, p. 157). This suggests that Edward James had died, and his widow had become Mrs. Beauchamp, but one has to be very careful, when "sister" was used to describe so many relationships.

RICHARD PYOTT *mard.* 1613 MARY SKEFFINGTON.—Richard Pyott, eldest son of Alderman Richard Pyott, of London, and his successor at Streethay, was admitted a Fellow-Commoner at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, in October 1607, but does not seem to have graduated (Venn's *Alumni Cantabrigienses*). Shaw, in his *Staffordshire*, I., 386, gives these extracts relative to his wife from the registers of Elford, near Lichfield :—

1592. Mary Skeffington, daughter of Wm. Skeffing', esquyre, was baptized the xixth of Aprill.

1613. Richard Pyot, gent. and Marye, daughter of William Skeffington, esq. were married 19th Oct.

According to Shaw's tabular pedigree of Skeffington (I., 373) she was baptized on 16 April 1592. Her father, William Skeffington, was created first baronet of Fisherwick in 1627, and died in 1635, having married in or before 1590 Elizabeth, sister of Sir Anthony Dering, of Surrenden Dering, co. Kent (G.E.C.'s *Complete Baronetage*). Shaw describes Lady Skeffington as a daughter of Richard Dering, of Pluckley, and sister of Sir Edward Dering, of Surrenden, Kent, bart. (I., 366, 373), dying in 1634. She was actually daughter of Richard Dering [1530 ?–1612], of Surrenden Dering, in the parish of Pluckley, and sister of Sir Anthony Dering [died 1636], whose son Edward [1598–1644] was created a baronet in 1627 (Berry's *Kent Genealogies*, pp. 398–9; G.E.C.'s *Complete Baronetage*).

RICHARD PYOTT *mard.* **BARBARA DIXIE.**—Barbara, third daughter of Sir Wolstan Dixie, 1st. bart. of Bosworth, is shewn in the Dixie pedigree in Nichols's *Leicestershire*, IV., 506, as wife first of Richard Pyott, of Streethay, and second of Thomas Pochin, of Barkby, esq. The Pochin pedigree in the same work, III., 52, shews Thomas Pochin, of Barkby, esq., eldest son of George Pochin, of Barkby, as baptized 7 March 1618, and High Sheriff of Leicestershire in 1647; and as marrying secondly Barbara, daughter of Sir Wolstan Dixie, and "relict of Rich. Piot, of Streety, co. Staff.," she dying 5 September 1667. Thomas Pochin's first wife, Bethia, daughter and coheir of John Wincope, of Morton, co. Lincs., esq., died 20 May 1658, leaving issue.

The following entry is from Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses* :—

PYOTT, RICHARD, 1s. Richard, of Strethay, co. Stafford, arm. Trinity Coll., matric. 17 Feb., 1636–7, aged 16; student of Gray's Inn, 1639. See Foster's *Gray's Inn Reg.*

BARBARA PYOTT *mard.* 1694 **REV. HOPKIN THOMAS.**—Barbara Pyott is shewn in the Visitation pedigree of 1663, but not in the other pedigrees, so that her marriage has gone unrecorded. But in Nichols's *Leicestershire*, III., 48, I found these inscriptions given as on flat stones in Barkby church :—

P.M.S. | Here lieth the body of Barbara, the wife | of Hopkin Thomas, M.A. Vicar of Barkby, | daughter of Richard Pyott, of Streety, in the county | of Stafford, esq. by Barbara, | the daughter of sir Wolstan Dixie, bart. | She deceased March 21, 1713, aged 57 years.

Hopkin Thomas, M.A. | rector of Kaythorpe, in the county of Lincoln, | and vicar of Barkby, | died February 1, 1743, aged 76 years.

Waiting for the resurrection to eternall life | through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, | here lieth interred the body of Barbara Thomas, | youngest daughter of Mr. Richard Thomas, | late alderman of Neath, in the county of Glamorgan. | She died June the 5th, 1741, aged 29 years.

On the same page we learn that Hopkin Thomas, M.A., was presented to the vicarage of Barkby on 25 September 1693, by Thomas Pochin, and died in 1743/4. He was married at Barkby the year following his presentation, as shewn in vol. 2 of Phillimore's *Leicestershire Parish Registers* :—

1694. Nov. 1. *mard.* Hopkin Thomas, M.A., Vicar of Barkby, and Barbara Pyott, d. of Rich. Pyott esq., late of Streetly, co. Stafford.

He is certainly to be identified with the subject of the following entry in Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses* :—

THOMAS, HOPKINS, s. "Tho. H.", of Neath, co. Glamorgan, p.p. Jesus Coll., matric. 23 Feb., 1685-6, aged 16, B.A. 11 Feb. 1689-90; M.A. from Pembroke Coll., Cambridge, 1694; perhaps rector of Kirkby Laythorpe, co. Lincoln, 1715-32.

When we turn to the more recent *Alumni Cantabrigienses* we find the "M.A. from Pembroke College, Cambridge, 1694," identified with another contemporary Hopkin Thomas, who entered All Souls, Oxford, in 1673, who was son of the Rev. Edward Thomas, of St. Bride's Major, co. Glamorgan. This other Hopkin Thomas was Vicar of Enderby, 1678-81, and Rector of Kirkby Mallory, 1681-1728, both in co. Leicester: he married Gertrude, daughter of John Stafford, of Huncote, co. Leic., and niece of Sir Verney Noel, bart.; he died 28 February 1727/8, and she on 20 December 1729, aged 84, leaving issue a son (Nichols's *Leicester*, IV., 161, 771, 773-4, 820).

The inscription, it will be noticed, says that Barbara Pyott's husband was Rector of "Kaythorpe," co. Lincoln, generally spelt Caythorpe. But it appears from Foster's entry, which I have quoted, that a Hopkin Thomas was Rector of Kirkby Laythorpe, also in Lincoln, from 1715 to 1732. There is some investigation required here, and I doubt if the two contemporary clergymen of the name have been thoroughly disentangled.

ELIZABETH PYOTT *mard.* FRANCIS WIGHTWICK.—The husband of Elizabeth Pyott is described in the Staffordshire Visitation of 1663 as "Francis Wightwick, an Utter Barrister of the Inner Temple, æt. 45 ann. 10 April 1663" (*William Salt Archl. Soc.*, "Staffordshire Collections," vol. 5 (part 2), p. 314). He thus appears in Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*, with some of his descendants :—

WIGHTWICKE, FRANCIS, s. Alexander, of Wightwick, co. Stafford, gent. Pembroke Coll., matric. 10 Oct., 1634, aged 16; of Wightwick, and of Tunstall, co. Stafford; bar.-at-law, Inner Temple, 1646, died 1692; father of the next. See Foster's *Judges and Barristers*.

WIGHTWICK, FRANCIS, s. F., of Tunstall, co. Stafford, gent. University Coll., matric. 8 July, 1670, aged 16; brother of John 1670, and father of the next.

WIGHTWICK, FRANCIS, s. Francis, of Wightwick, co. Stafford, gent. Magdalen Hall, matric. 31 May, 1700, aged 17.

WIGHTWICK, JOHN, s. F., of Tunstall, co. Stafford, gent. University Coll., matric. 8 July, 1670, aged 15; brother of Francis 1670.

The second Francis [1653-95], of Wightwick and Tunstall, married Elizabeth, daughter of Walter Fowler, of Pendeford, co. Staffs., whose wife was Elizabeth Hinton, sister of that Charles Hinton, of the Close, Lichfield, to whom the unfortunate Elizabeth Blaney was servant for several years before her death in 1694 (see *Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, pp. 266-7; Burke's *Landed Gentry*, 1853, "Fowler of Pendeford").

The third Francis [1683-1714], Bencher of the Middle Temple, was the father of John Wightwick [1708?-1741], Rector of St. Paul's, Shadwell, who was actually in residence at Pembroke with Johnson in 1729 (*ante*, V., 212-13).

The first Francis Wightwick, husband of Elizabeth Pyott, had a sister Margaret, who married Edward Jorden, of Priors Lee, Salop, and was grandmother of Johnson's tutor, William Jorden, as well as of William Adams, afterwards Master of Pembroke, who was only his "nominal tutor" (*ante*, V., 124, 180).

Another pedigree of the Wightwicks is given at *Harleian Soc.*, vol. 63, "Staffordshire Pedigrees," p. 245, and still another by Shaw, in his *Staffordshire*, II., 201. The Rev. Douglas Maclean, in his "History of Pembroke College," *Oxford Historical Soc.*, vol. 33, gives much information of the Wightwicks, who were of Founder's Kin there, with tabular pedigrees on pp. 177-9. At p. 163 he tells us that one of the Staffordshire properties of the family "was Dunstall or Tunstall, a fine moated house near Wolverhampton." Dunstall Hall was only a little over a mile from the centre of Wolverhampton. Here it was that William Pyott [1627-87] lived as a "lunatic" with his brother-in-law, Francis Wightwick.

MARY PYOTT *marid.* JAMES WOOD.—In the Visitation of Staffordshire, in 1664, James Wood, of Uttoxeter, aged 45 on 29 April of that year, son of William Wood, Sheriff of London, is shewn as married to Mary, daughter of Richard Pyott, of Streethay, with issue (*William Salt Archl. Soc.*, "Staffordshire Collections," vol. 5 (part 2), p. 326).

There is another pedigree which only begins with James Wood (*Harleian Soc.*, vol. 63, p. 253).

HESTER PYOTT *mard.* 1658 JAMES ALLEN.—Since I dealt with the Allen family (see *ante*, VI., 144) Mr. Laithwaite has sent me the following extracts from the earlier register of St. Michael's, Lichfield :—

1640. Dec. 29. burd. Sarah, wife of Mr. James Allen.

1644. Apl. 2. burd. (*blank*) wife of Mr. James Allen.

1658. July 20. burd. Sibbell, wife of Mr. James Allin.

It is clear that I did James Allen an injustice in calling Hester Pyott, whom he married on 24 November 1658, his second wife, for these entries shew that she was, at least, his fourth. His daughter Sarah, who married Thomas Hammond, must have been born about 1630, or earlier, so her mother was probably the Sarah who died in 1640. Mr. Laithwaite also tells me that James Allen was buried on 13 April 1674, not 11 March 1673/4.

Some of the family ventured further afield, as the following entry from St. Mary's, Lichfield, shews :—

1654. Oct. 18. bapt. James, son of Mr. John Allen of Barbados.

SARAH PYOTT *mard.* 1656 JOHN BURNES.—There seems to be no proper pedigree of the Burnes family, important in their day in Lichfield, but some narrative account is given in Shaw's *Staffordshire*, I., 358, under Aldershaw. From this we learn that Thomas Burnes, who purchased Aldershaw, in the parish of St. Michael's, Lichfield, married Margery, daughter of Nichols, of Walsall, and

had issue John, who died in the life-time of his father, leaving John, who died in 1682, a mercer, and a person of fortune in Lichfield, a very active man for the Parliament in the civil war, and in the commission of the peace in the time of Oliver Cromwell. By Sarah, daughter of Richard Pyott, of Strethay, near Lichfield, esq. he left a son Richard, who died in 1692, who, by Dorothy, daughter of Ralph Hawkes, of Newton, esq. (of the same stock with Hawkes, late of Hopwas wood, near Tamworth esq.) had issue John who died young, Richard, and two daughters who died unmarried. Richard Burnes, esq. of Aldershaw, died about the year 1767, leaving by Anne, daughter of John Leonard, of Wednesbury, one son, John Burnes Floyer, adopted heir of John Floyer, late of Longdon, esq. and one daughter, Favoretta, aged 21 ; afterwards wife of Trevor Jones, M.D. of Lichfield, but since dead.

Aldershaw hall, now the residence of Mrs. Burnes and her son, is a neat built house, with good walled gardens, canals, groves, and other rural ornaments; being situated on a rising ground, it affords a fine view of Lichfield Cathedral, and part of the city.

At a later reference Shaw tells us (II., 49) that John Floyer, of Longdon, "left by will a considerable estate to John Burnes Floyer, esq. of Aldershaw, near Lichfield, as there shewn." See also Harwood's *Lichfield*, pp. 423 and 565.

John Burnes's widow was living in Bird Street, in St. Mary's parish, in 1695, as the Lichfield "census" of that date records:—

Sarah Burnes Widd: Gent. 66	
Elizab: her Daughter Spinstr ^r 32	
Sarah Boylstone, Widd: 37	
Rich ^d 3	} her sons
John 2	
Susan Newey 22	} servts.
Eliz: Gee 30	
Mary Pyott spinster 20	

Richard Burnes, the son and heir of John Burnes by Sarah Pyott, did not die in 1692, as stated by Shaw, for he occurs in the same list, under Sadler *alias* Market Street, and with no child apparently yet born:—

Rich ^d Burnes Gent. reputed	}
50 ^l per Ann. 33	
Dorothy his wife 22	
Rich ^d Hammond App ^r 16	
Sarah Barker Serv ^t 19	
W ^m Cooke	} 00 . 01. 00
Batchelor 25	

Richard Hammond, the apprentice, was he who afterwards told the story of the infant Johnson listening to Sacheverell, and was the father of "Moll Cobb" (*ante*, III., 67, 69, VI., 145). After the death of Richard's uncle, Thomas Hammond of Edial Hall, in 1702, Richard Burnes acted as one of the appraisers of his estate (*ante*, VI., 133).

I have not been able to find any will of John Burnes, who is said to have died in 1682. Mr. Richard Burnes and Mrs. Dorothy Hawkes were married at St. Chad's, Lichfield, on 16 March 1692/3.

JOHN PYOTT *mard.* 1st. circa 1660 BLANCHE WOLLASTON *and* 2nd. circa 1672 FRANCES BRUDENELL.—Shaw's pedigree (*Staffs.*,

I., 364) shews John Pyott with but one wife, "Frances," who appears as the mother of all his children. It ignores his first wife, Blanche Wollaston, who ancesored the succeeding generations, and does not even tell us who "Frances" was. But a recently printed pedigree (*Harleian Soc.*, vol. 63, "Staffordshire Pedigrees," pp. 191-2) gives Blanche Wollaston her proper place, and mentions a second wife, the "widow of Major Brudenel of Whittington." The Brudenell pedigree in the same volume (p. 40) shews Thomas Brudenell, of Whittington, aged 50 in 1664, with a second wife, "Frances Barkham," but her own second marriage is not shewn. Shaw, in his account of Whittington (*Staffs.*, I., 378), gives an inscription in the church to Thomas Brudenell (eldest son of Thomas Brudenell, of Stonton, co. Leic., esq.), "equitum major," who died 9 May 1670, aged 57, but no wife is mentioned. Nichols (*Leicester*, II., 811) gives an inscription at Great Catworth, co. Huntingdon, to Elizabeth, wife of this same Thomas Brudenell the younger, who died 31 August 1656, aged 36, daughter of Nathaniel Humphrey, of Barton Segrave, co. Notts. The pedigree of Brudenell of Staunton Wyville by Nichols (*ibid.*, II., 813, misprinted 913) shews the younger Thomas as "born 1613 d. 1661-2," and as married to "Elizabeth dau. of Nathanael Humphrey esq. d. 1656." This Thomas Brudenell did not die in 1661-2, as will presently be seen, and it is evident that the son has here been confused with the father, Thomas Brudenell the elder, whose dates are given at the same reference as 1585-1661, and who was actually buried at Staunton Wyville on 1 Feb. 1661/2 (*ibid.*, II., 806).

It can, of course, be inferred from the printed evidences I have cited that John Pyott married for a second wife Frances, *née* Barkham, widow of Major Thomas Brudenell, of Whittington. But the fact is not very clearly established, and it required an abstract of Thomas Brudenell's will (in which he mentions his wife Frances) to place it beyond doubt, and to shew that he died in 1670, and not in 1661-2 :—

THOMAS BRUDENELL, of Whittington, co. Staffs., esq. Will dated 21 Mch. 1669/70. To be burd. in Stanton church, co. Leic., as near as possible to my father. I confirm the jointure to my wife *Frances*, and bequeath to her my close in Goadby, co. Leic., called Goadby cow-pasture, adjoining the jointure lands there, for life, with remainder to my son *Edmond*, and the heirs of his body, with contingent remainders, in default of his issue, to my daughters, *Mary* and *Dorothy Brudenell*, and the heirs

of their bodies, to my right heirs. I have received £500 from my bror., *Richard Brudenell*, being £250 each left by my father, *Thomas Brudenell*, to my two daughters, and I enfeoffed by deed of 24 Apl., 19 Chas. II. [1667] *Charles Agard*, of Poston, co. Derby, esq.,* and *Richard Brudenell* afsd., of the said £500, and a further £500 for my daughters' portions. To my mother-in-law, *Mary Price*,† and my sister, *Anne Orme*,‡ 20^s/- each; to my bror.-in-law, *Mr. Charles Agard*, my sister, his wife, and my kinsman, *Mr. Thomas Orme*, 20^s/- each. To *Mr. Christopher Gardener*, minister of Scropton, co. Derby, 40^s/-. To poor of Stanton, 10^s/-; of Goadby, 20^s/-. My wife to have the tuition of my son *Edmond* during his minority, she taking the rents and issues of my messuages, lands, etc., in Barton Seagrave and Hubbenham, co. Northants. Exors., my wife and son. Signed, *T. Brudenell*. Wits., *George Harding*, clerk, *Jo: Rawlins* and *Nich. Brett*. Codicil dated 25 May 1670. I now desire to be burd. in par. church. of Whittington, where I now live, and give to the poor there 20^s/-, revoking legacy to poor of Stanton. To my cousin *Thomas Orme's wife*, 20^s/-. Proved 3 Sept. 1670, in P.C.C. (Penn, 115), by *Edmund Brudenell*, son and exor.

There is nothing in the will to help in identifying Frances Barkham, wife first of Thomas Brudenell and second of John Pyott. Perhaps her father was the Sir Edward Barkham, of Southacre, co. Norfolk, created a baronet in 1623, who married Frances Berney in 1622 and had an eldest daughter "Frances" (*Harleian Soc.*, vol. 15, p. 50; *G.E.C.'s Complete Baronetage*).

One of Thomas Brudenell's daughters by his first wife, Elizabeth Humphrey, was that Dorothy Brudenell who married the Rev. William Baker, Vicar of St. Mary's, Lichfield, from 1681 till his death in 1732, a man who must have known as much about Michael Johnson and his family as anyone we might wish to summon from the dead for a talk on the subject. In the normal course of events he must have baptized Samuel in 1709. The eldest son of the marriage was Brudenell Baker, the young gentleman whom Joseph Addison's brother, Gulston Addison, Governor of Fort St. George, Madras, befriended on his arrival there in that same year of 1709. Brudenell Baker's sister Catherine married Thomas Remington, of Harlaxton, co. Lincs., and was mother of the Rev. Daniel William Remington, whose daughter Mary married Thomas White, grandson of Johnson's schoolmaster, John Hunter

* Charles Agard married testator's sister, Lucy Brudenell.

† I do not know who she would be.

‡ Testator's sister, Anne Brudenell [d. 1696], married William Orme [1614 ?-65], of Hanch Hall, near Lichfield.

(*ante*, III., 53, and VII., 177 ; Nichols's *Leicestershire*, II., 813 (misprinted 913) ; *Harleian Soc.*, vol. 63, p. 40).

John Pyott, son of Richard, of Streethay, co. Stafford, esq., was apprenticed to a skinner in 1646 (*Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, Series 3, vol. I, p. 247).

Pedigrees of Wollaston of Walsall, shewing Blanche Wollaston, the first wife of John Pyott, will be found in the "Staffordshire Collections" of the *William Salt Archæological Society*, vol. 5 (part 2), p. 322 ; *Harleian Soc.*, vol. 63, p. 250 ; and Willmore's *Walsall*, 1887, p. 292.

RICHARD PYOTT *mard.* 1680 JANE KNOTT or NOTT.—The most serious error in Shaw's pedigree of the Pyotts of Streethay concerns this marriage. He says that Richard Pyott, bapt. 6 Feb. 1661/2, married "Jane, buried Aug. 17, 1706." He shews two daughters of this marriage, and one son, another Richard Pyott, who married "....., sister of Fettiplace Nott, esq. recorder of Lichfield"; of this latter marriage three sons and seven daughters are shewn (*Staffs.*, I., 364). As a matter of fact, these two Richards, shewn as father and son, are really the same individual, so that Shaw's pedigree has one generation too many. The following marriage licence was issued from the Faculty Office of the Archbishop of Canterbury (*Harleian Soc.*, vol. 24, p. 153) :—

1680. Oct. 14. Richard Pyott, of Strettehall, co. Stafford, Bachr., 23, & Jane Knott, Spr., 20, dau. of Charles Knott, of St. Clement Danes, Middx., Gent., who consents ; at Wotton, Abingdon, or Kingston Bagpuze, co. Berks.

Apart from this one record, we only know the bride's family name as Nott, she being the sister of William Fettiplace Nott [1671 ?–1726], Serjeant-at-Law, Steward (not Recorder) of Lichfield, who was son of Nott, by Eleanor his wife, daughter of Edmund Fettiplace, of Besselsleigh and Fernham, co. Berks. (*ante*, VI., 141, 146). The name of Mr. Nott, queried in the Fettiplace pedigree as "Francis," is now shewn to have been Charles. I have tried to find his will, under both spellings, in P.C.C. and at Lichfield, but without success. The will, however, of his son Francis, of the Inner Temple, in 1728, completes the chain of evidence, for he mentions his brother-in-law, Richard Pyott, his sister-in-law, Mrs. Sarah Nott, widow (William

Fettiplace Nott married Sarah, daughter of Thomas Hammond, of Edial Hall), his nephew, Fettiplace Nott, and his niece, Carolina Nott (whose existence was not known before) :—

FRANCIS NOTT, of the Inner Temple, London, barrister-at-law. Will dated 19 Nov. 1728. I am possessed, among other things, of £395 in bank bills, and 78½ guineas in gold, all together in a wafer box in one of my pigeon holes, and two gold watches pledged to me by *Mr. Harrison* for 18 guineas, and a small parcel of plate, with a gold watch and chain, pledged to me by *Monsr. de Blevill* at *Monsr. de le Bals*, a grocer in St. Katherine's, for £40, and have £80 with interest secured to me by a mortgage from *Mr. Barker* of his copyhold messuage in Dawes Lane, Fulham, and have £100 with interest secured to me by a mortgage from *Monsr. Du Reau*, a gardener in Chelsea, of one of his houses in his garden ground there, and £100 mortgage from *Mr. Buckingham*, lately decd., of a leasehold messuage in Spittlefields, and am also possessed of £5 in silver and 54 guineas, moidores* and broad pieces, hid in a bag in the hollow of my desk in my study, which with my books and a few other effects I give to my exors. to pay as follows :— To my friend, *Mr. Bryan Ayliffe*, of Inner Temple, gent., £100. To *Mr. Robert Raworth*, of Clifford's Inn, gent., 20 guineas. To my cousin, *Mrs. Frances Hill*, widow, late of Malmesbury, Wilts., and now lodging in Gardners Lane, near Petty France, Westminster, £100. To my servant, *Elizabeth Wheldon*, dau. of *William Wheldon*, late of Newcastle, malt miller, decd., now living in Bond Stables and going by the name of *Elizabeth Steel*, £200. To my clerk, *Mr. John Palmer*, 20 guineas. To my sister-in-law, *Mrs. Sarah Nott*, widow, and my nephew, *Fettyplace Nott*, barr.-at-law, and my niece, *Mrs. Carolina Nott*, and my worthy bror.-in-law, *Richard Pyott*, of Streethay, Staffs., esq., and his children, and the representatives of his children, £10 each and a ring worth 20s/-. To *Thomas Tunbridge*, late lodging in Johnson's Court, Fleet Street, £20. To *Mr. Thomas Due*, of Constables Alley, near Hoxton Square, £10. To my late clerk, *Charles Mickethwaite*, £5. To *Bridget Wheldon*, sister of said *Elizabeth Wheldon*, £5. To *Humphrey*, son of *Thomas Tunbridge*, £10. Resid. legatee, my nephew, *Fettiplace Nott*. Exors., *Mr. Bryan Ayliffe* and *Robert Raworth*. Signed, *Fra: Nott*. Wits., *William Wilcox* and *Francis Day*. Admon. granted 2 Dec. 1728, in P.C.C. (Brooke, 359), to *Fettiplace Nott*, esq., nephew of decd. and resid. legatee, the exors. named renouncing.

The Librarian of the Inner Temple kindly tells me that Francis Nott was admitted at Clifford's Inn on 21 June 1699, coming on from there and being admitted at the Inner Temple by certificate from Clifford's Inn on 28 May 1720. No particulars are registered of his parentage or birthplace.

* Portuguese gold coins worth 27s/- each.

That Richard Pyott was licensed to marry Jane Nott at a Berkshire church is, of course, explained by the fact that her mother, Eleanor Fettiplace, belonged to that county. He matriculated on 28 March 1679, aged 17, from Pembroke College, Oxford (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*).

Edmund Fettiplace, of Fernham and Kingston Bagpuize, son of the Edmund Fettiplace whose daughter Eleanor married Charles Nott, in his will proved 11 May 1711 alludes to "my nephew Francis Nott, one of the sons of my sister Eleanor Nott, decd." (*Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, Series 5, vol. 2, p. 191).

One of the principal weaknesses remaining in the pedigree is in regard to the children of Richard Pyott and Jane Nott. They had a large family—I have shewn three sons and nine daughters—but great uncertainty remains as to their number, their order, and their marriages. The parents married in 1680, but they had no child baptized at Lichfield until 1688, which makes it practically certain that they must have lived somewhere else during their early married life.

Col. RICHARD PYOTT *mar.* MARY BURDETT.—The pedigree of Burdett in Nichols's *Leicestershire*, III., 352, shews Robert Burdett [1680–1716] as married to Elizabeth, only child of William, 4th. Viscount Tracy, with a third daughter :—

Mary, b. 1708, married, first, Col. Rich. Pyott, of Strethay, Staff. esq. ; secondly, to Henry Delabain, who died s.p. She died in 1786, and was buried at Doncaster.

A more detailed pedigree, the fruit of modern research, may be found in the *Visitation of England and Wales*, "Notes," vol. X., ed. F. A. Crisp, giving (p. 131) full particulars of Col. Richard Pyott and his military appointments, but, curiously enough, only copying Nichols as regards Mary Burdett's dates. I have not been able to find any record of her second husband (whom Crisp, probably by a misprint, calls Henry Delubain, adding the queried date of 1763 for his death), or of her death at Doncaster in 1786.

Robert Burdett was a son of Sir Robert Burdett [1640–1716], 3rd. baronet of Foremark, co. Derby, and his own son, Mrs. Pyott's brother, was Sir Robert Burdett [1716–97], 4th. bart., who was one of the Governors of Appleby School when Johnson's application for the

headmastership was rejected in 1739 (*ante*, VI., 107). Moreover, Robert Burdett's half-sister, Elizabeth Burdett, was married to Charles Jennens [1662–1747], of Gopsal, who was also a Governor of the School at that time (*ante*, VI., 108). Mrs. Pyott was second cousin to Johnson's friend, Molly Aston, and aunt to Mrs. Nicholas of Chichester, whom I have brought into the circle of Johnsonian admirers by quite a different route (*ante*, VI., 107).

The following extract is from *The Gentleman's Magazine* :—

1734. July. p. 392.

Lieut. Col. *Pyott*, made a Colonel, and Lieutenant of *Dublin Castle*.

And this is from *The Historical Register Chronicle* :—

1738. p. 7. died.

(Jan.) Col. *Richard Pyott*, who was Aid de Camp to his Grace the Duke of *Devonshire*, Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*.

CHARLES PYOTT *mard.* 1731 ANNE SANDYS.—The following marriage licence was issued by the Bishop of London (*Harleian Soc.*, vol. 26, p. 344) :—

1730–1. Jan. 2. Charles Pyott, Esq., of St. George the Martyr, Middlesex, Bachr., above 24, & Anne Sandys, of same, Spinster, above 21 ; at St. Bartholomew the Great.

A pedigree of the Sandys family is given by William Berry in his *Kentish Genealogies*, pp. 41–3. Anne was the seventh but third surviving and youngest daughter and coheir of Sir Richard Sandys [1670–1726], of Northbourne, co. Kent, who was created a baronet in 1684, by Mary his second wife, daughter of Sir Francis Rolle, of Shapwick, co. Somerset (see G.E.C.'s *Complete Baronetage*). Priscilla [died 1726], eldest surviving daughter and coheir of Sir Richard Sandys, married Henry Sandys, of Downe Hall, and of Northbourne Court in right of his wife, who was his third cousin, they both being great-great-grandchildren of Sir Edwin Sandys, of Northbourne, knt., who died in 1629. Henry and Priscilla had a son, Richard Sandys, of Northbourne Court and of Canterbury, J.P. [died 1763], who married Susan Crayford Taylor [died 1777], and had an only daughter, Susan Sandys, died in 1789 (omitted in Berry's pedigree of Sandys), who became the first wife of Henry Godfrey Faussett, of Heppington, co. Kent, his second wife being Sarah, only daughter of Fettiplace Nott, of

Lichfield (see *ante*, VI., 147, and Berry's *Kentish Genealogies*, p. 138). Many of the Sandys family and their connexions are mentioned in the will of Anne (daughter of Charles Pyott and Anne Sandys), widow of her first cousin, Robert Thomas Pyott, dated 15 Mch. 1805 (see *post*, p. 163). Edwin Humphrey Sandys was her first cousin once removed, and brother to Susan Sandys who married Henry Godfrey Faussett.

A friend at Canterbury has kindly sent me copies of the inscriptions on two separate tablets in St. Martin's church there :—

Sacred to the memory of Ann youngest daughter & co-heiress of Sir Richard Sandys of Northbourne Court in Kent wife of Charles Pyott of this parish esquire who departed this life 12 Feb. 1753 aged 43.

Here lies also Elizabeth second wife of Charles Pyott Esq. daughter of Thomas Hales, Bart. Esq. of Howletts in Kent who died Jan. 27th 1778 aged 66 greatly regretted.

Charles Pyott Esq. died 20 Feb. 1789 aged 83.

.....
In the family vault in this church, are deposited the remains of Robert Thomas Pyott Esq. of this parish who departed this life 5th. July 1804 in the 66th year of his age.

Also of Anne the relict of the above named Robert Thomas Pyott who departed this life 24th July 1816, in the 84th year of her age.

She was the only daughter & heir of Charles Pyott Esq. & Anne his wife who was one of the daughters & co-heiresses of Sir Richard Sandys Baronet of Northbourne Court in this county.

Until I got these inscriptions I had no idea that Charles Pyott married a second time. I add a few extracts from *The Gentleman's Magazine* relative to these connexions :—

1731. Jan. p. 34. mard.

(Jan. 7) *Charles Pyott*, Esq ; to the Daughter and Coheiress of Sir *Richard Sandys*, Bart.

1760. June. p. 297. mard.

(June) 18. Robert Thomas Pyott, Esq ; — to Miss Pyott of Canterbury.

1804. July. p. 696.

(July) 5. At his house in St. Martin's Hill, near the city of Canterbury, Robert Thomas Pyott, esq. universally esteemed for his benevolence to his neighbours, zeal for his friends, and integrity to the world.

CAROLINA PYOTT mard. MALLETT and
"MALLEY."—Carolina Pyott, bapt. in 1690/1, is said in Shaw's pedigree (*Staffs.*, I., 364) to have "married, 1st, captain Malley, 2d,

..... Malley, surgeon-general to the army in Flanders." As, however, her sister Blanche, widow of Thomas Hinckley, in her will of 6 December 1771, leaves £10 to her niece, Jane Mallett (*ante*, VII., 155), it seems pretty clear that one of the husbands was named Mallett, though he cannot have belonged to the Lichfield family of that name (see *post*, pp. 189-90). And as Anne, widow of Robert Thomas Pyott, of Canterbury, who was nephew to Carolina, in 1805 leaves £40 a year for life to Mary Malie, of Haverfordwest, spinster (*post*, p. 163), there is support for the statement that one of the husbands in question was named Malley or Mallie. There was at least one army medical officer of the name at the period, as the two following entries from *The Gentleman's Magazine* shew :—

1789. May. p. 467.

(lately) Dr. Mallie, late surgeon-general to his Majesty's forces in the West Indies, and many years surgeon to the first regiment of dragoon guards.

1814. pt. 1. Mch. p. 309.

March 20. At Reading, Berks, aged 62, Elizabeth, wife of James Mace Gigger, esq. She was daughter of the late Thomas Mallie, M.D. Surgeon and Inspector General of His Majesty's Forces in the West Indies : [*continues*].

The fact of Miss Mary Malie being of Haverfordwest it is natural to connect with the marriage of Carolina Pyott's sister, Ann Pyott, to " Mr. Wrightson " (as Shaw calls him) of that place. I have no information of this man, whose real name, as given in the probate of Richard Pyott's will, in 1757, was Lewis Righton (*post*, p. 160).

I have not been able to trace any will of Surgeon-General Mallie, who died in 1789.

JOHN PYOTT *mard.* 1712 DOROTHEA FRETWELL.—A pedigree of the Fretwell family is given by Hunter in his "*Familiae Minorum Gentium*" (*Harleian Soc.*, vol. 40, p. 1305), shewing Ralph Fretwell, of Hellaby, gent., baptized 23 June 1631 at Sheffield, son of Ralph Fretwell, of Hellaby. He "went to Barbadoes, where he was a Justice of the Peace, & became a Quaker." By his wife, Mabel Saunderson, he had issue three daughters :—(1) Dorothy Fretwell, coheir, wife of John Pyott, of Streethay ; (2) Marage Fretwell, bapt. 14 Feb. 1689/90 at Braithwell, near Rotherham ; and (3) Mabel Fretwell, coheir, married on 18 November 1710 to Samuel Swynfen, M.D., of

Birmingham, the godfather of Dr. Johnson (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 230 ; *ante*, III., 54-5). Marage, the second daughter, died before her father made his will, of which the following is an abstract :—

RALPH FRETWELL, now resident in the Island of Barbados. Will dated 9 Aug. 1701. To my dau. *Dorothy*, £5000. To my dau. *Mabell*, £5000. To my aunt, *Elizabeth Mollineux*, £1000. To each of my cousins, *Ralph* and *Margaret Fretwell*, £200. Residue of real and personal estate to said daus., *Dorothy* and *Mabell*. Exors., *Thomas Aldam* and *John Stacy*, of the co. of York, in England, and *Robert Egerton* and *Robert Richards*, of the Island of Barbados, they to have £100 each. Wits., *John Legay*, *John Marriott* and *John Parsons*. To loving friend, *Joane Parsons*, of the town of St. Michael's, £20. Proved 28 Mch. 1702, at York, by *John Stacy* and *Thomas Aldam*, two of the exors.

From the Chancery suit of 19 October 1725 it appears that John Pyott married Dorothy Fretwell on 11 August 1712 (*post*, p. 169). This John Pyott matriculated on 2 December 1706, aged 17, from University College, Oxford (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*).

DOROTHEA PYOTT *maid*. PETER JOHNSON.—Very full details of Peter Johnson have been kindly supplied me by the City Librarian of York, from Skaife's MS. Catalogue of York Civic Officials preserved in the Public Library. The particulars given by Foster in *Alumni Oxonienses* are very meagre. Information of Dorothea Johnson, his only child by Dorothea Pyott, and of her marriage to Sir John Eden, are derived from G.E.C.'s *Complete Baronetage*, and from Burke's *Peerage*.

RICHARD PYOTT *maid*. PYAREA MARY MILNES.—The following is from Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses* :—

PYOTT, RICHARD, s. John, of, co. Stafford, arm. University Coll., matric. 7 May, 1730, aged 16 ; bar.-at-law, Lincoln's Inn, 1737.

He occurs in Shaw's pedigree (*Staffs.*, I., 364), but only as "Richard, ob. s.p.", while his wife is given as "Miss Piercy, afterwards wife of Mr. Hare, of Highfield, near Chesterfield." This is a fine example of a compound blunder, seeming to suggest a mis-reading of her Christian name of "Pieria" into a different surname, combined with the adding of an aspirate to her second husband's name of "Eyre" so as to transform it into "Hare." Particulars of her parentage, and her two

marriages, have been obtained from Hunter's "*Familiae Minorum Gentium*" (*Harleian Soc.*, vol. 38, p. 557, and vol. 39, p. 1024). The date or place of her death has not been discovered.

An entry in "The MS. Memoranda of George Mower, of Barley Woodseats, co. Derby" (*Reliquary*, vol. 21, p. 220), runs as follows:—

Mr. Pyot died tuesday 14 July 1747; buried at He married Mr. Milns' daughter of Highfield; was a counsellor and alderman of Chesterfield.

As her second husband, Vincent Eyre, was Master of the Horse and Steward to the Duke of Norfolk, it was only appropriate that she should, after his death, let Highfield to Godfrey Heathcote [1701 ?–73], who, in addition to being an attorney at Chesterfield, and Clerk of the Peace for Derbyshire, was "principal Steward to the Dukes of Devonshire" (*Harleian Soc.*, vol. 38, p. 475).

The Chancery suits of 19 January 1748/9, 10 February 1748/9, and 17 October 1749 (see *post*, pp. 174–6) tell us that this Richard Pyott left a will made on 11 May 1747, but I have not been able to trace it at Lichfield or in P.C.C. That he left his estates, including Streethay, to Edward Wilmot, subject to his wife's life interest, is confirmed by Shaw (*Staffordshire*, I., 363):—

In this family Strethay continued till the last possessor, Richard Pyott, esq. having no issue, devised his estate to Edward Wilmot, barrister at law, the father of Edward Wilmot, esq. the present possessor, thereby depriving his lawful heir and first cousin, Robert Thomas Pyott, esq. of now enjoying and preserving this fine old mansion, which had been the seat of his ancestors for many generations, as the pedigree below shews.

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS

ST. MARY'S, LICHFIELD

(searched by Mr. Laithwaite from commencement in 1566 to 1800)

1650. July 30. mard. Mr. Francis Wightwicke, of Wightwicke, gent., and Elizabeth Pyot, of Streethay.
1722. Nov. 1. bapt. Dorothea, dau. of Mr. John Pyott.

ST. CHAD'S, LICHFIELD

(searched by Mr. Laithwaite from commencement in 1635 to 1800. No Pyott entries found)

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL

(searched by Mr. Laithwaite from commencement in 1660 to 1800. No Pyott entries found)

ST. MICHAEL'S, LICHFIELD

(searched by Mr. Laithwaite from commencement in 1574 to 1810. A number of the entries are printed in Shaw's Staffordshire, I., 341-2)

- 1616. Sept. 17. bapt. Elizabeth, dau. of Mr. Richard Piot.
- 1620. July 6. bapt. Richard, son of Mr. Richard Pyot.
- 1622. July 31. bapt. Marie, dau. of Mr. Richard Piot.
- 1626. Apl. 25. burd. The dau. of Mr. Richard Pyott.
- 1627. Nov. 15. bapt. William, son of Mr. Richarde Piote.
- 1628. Dec. 23. bapt. John, son of Mr. Richard Piote.
- 1630. Apl. 20. bapt. Hester, dau. of Mr. Richard Pyot.
- 1632. July 30. bapt. Sarah, dau. of Mr. Richard Pyott.
- 1656. Apl. 23. mard. Mr. John Burnes and Sara Pyott.
- 1657/8. Feb. 26. burd. Mr. Richard Pyott Esquire from Whittington.
- 1658. Aug. 29. burd. Richard, son of Mr. Richard and Barbarah Pyott.
- 1658. Nov. 24. mard. Mr. James Allen and Mist. Hester Pyott.
- 1661. Oct. 9. burd. Mrs. Marie, wife of Mr. Richard Pyott.
- 1661/2. Feb. 6. bapt. Richard, son of Mr. John Pyott.
- 1663. Apl. 16. bapt. Marie, dau. of Mr. John Pyott.
- 1664. June 22. burd. John, son of Mr. John Pyott.
- 1664. July 2. burd. Marie, dau. of Mr. John Pyott.
- 1665. June 29. bapt. Elizabeth, dau. of Mr. John Pyott.
- 1666/7. Mch. 14. bapt. John, son of Mr. John Pyot.
- 1667. Oct. 19. burd. Mr. Richard Pyott.
- 1673. June 7. bapt. Mary, dau. of John and Frances Pyat.
- 1673/4. Feb. 5. bapt. Mary, dau. of a servant of Mr. Pyotts.
- 1674/5. Jan. 3. bapt. Frances, dau. of John and Frances Pyott.
burd. "The same day the mother."
- 1687. Dec. 18. burd. Mr. William Pyot.
- 1688. Nov. —. bapt. —, son of Richard and — Pyot.
- 1689. Nov. 23. bapt. The dau. of Mr. Richard Pyott and his wife.
- 1690/1. Feb. 2. bapt. Caroline, dau. of Mr. Richard Pyott and Jane his wife.
- 1692. Apl. 12. bapt. (*blank*), son of Richard and — Pyot.
- 1694/5. Jan. 27. burd. Mrs. Elizabeth Pyot.
- 1695/6. Jan. 11. burd. Ellenor, dau. of Capt. Richard Pyot.
- 1699. July 15. burd. Mr. Wm. Pyott.
- 1702. Aug. 25. burd. Mrs. Mary Pyot (*inserted*, "spinster from Hampton").
- 1706. May 6. bapt. Charles, son of Mr. Richard Poyott.
- 1706. Aug. 17. burd. Jane, wife of Mr. Richard Poyott.
- 1721/2. Feb. 11. burd. Francis, dau. of Richard Pyot of Strety.
- 1728. Dec. 1. burd. Mr. Richard Pyott of Streethay Hall.

1729. Sept. 19. burd. Mr. John Pyott.
 1738. May 15. burd. Cornell Richard Pyott.
 1739. May 23. burd. Mrs. Mary Pyott.
 1747. July 17. burd. Richard Pyatt, Esq.

ABSTRACTS OF WILLS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

RICHARD PYOTT, citizen and alderman of London. Will dated 2 Sept. 1619. To be burd. in the par. church of St. Lawrence, Old Jury, whereof I am a parishioner, near my pew. My goods, etc., to be divided into three parts, one part among my children, *Anne*, wife of *Humfrey Robinson*, *Elizabeth*, wife of *Robert Ducey*, *Margaret*, wife of *Edward James*, *Mary Pyott*, *Richard*, *William* and *John Pyott*, and my youngest dau., *Sara Pyott*, the marriage portions of £700 each to my daus. *Anne* and *Elizabeth*, and £1400 to my dau. *Margaret*, to be taken into account; another third part to my wife *Margery*; and out of the residue the following bequests:—To 70 poor men at my funeral, a gown each, whereof six to be from Low Loughton, Essex; to *Mr. Boswell*, vicar of St. Lawrence, a black gown; to *Mr. Leeche*, preaching at my funeral, 10^s/—; bequests to poor at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, Christ's Hospital, London, in Lichfield and Streethaie, co. Staffs. (at discretion of my cousin, *Michael Biddulph*, esq., and my son, *Richard Pyott*), and in Chedell, co. Staffs. (where I was born); to my grandchild, *Richard Robinson*, son of my dau. *Anne*, £200, being the eldest son of my eldest dau.; to my grandchildren, *Elizabeth* and *Anne Robinson*, £100 each at 21; to *Elizabeth Pyott*, dau. of my son *Richard*, £100; to my grandchild, *Richard Ducey*, and his brors., *William* and *Robert Ducey*, and sister, *Anne Ducey*, £100 each at 21; to the Grocers' Company, whereof I am free, plate to value of £20, with my arms and name thereon, and £40 for a dinner the day of my funeral; mourning gowns to my children, their husbands, my bror. *William* and his wife, and their son *Richard*, and their two daus. (and to *Richard* being my godson, £5), my cousin, *Edward Davis*, and my cousin *Manning*, goldsmith, and his wife; to *Mr. Thomas Dobson*, skinner, 40^s/—; to my cousin, *Mr. Thomas Boothbie*,* and his wife, £5 each; to my bror., *Symon Biddolphe*,† and my sister, his wife, £5 each and gowns. To my cousin, *Michael*

* Thomas Boothby [d. 1625] married 2ndly. in 1594 Anne Grafton and had a dau., Martha Boothby [1596–1652], who in 1620 married Francis Floyer, nephew of Richard Pyott's wife, Margery Floyer. His brother, Robert Boothby (will proved 1589), married Elizabeth Floyer (will proved 1596), sister of Mrs. Richard Pyott. Perhaps there had been some earlier connexion between the Pyotts and the Boothbys. My knowledge of the Boothbys is principally derived from a series of articles and pedigrees in *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, Series 5, vol. 1, and the various "Peerages."

† Simon Biddulph [d. 1632], of Elmhurst, near Lichfield, married Joyce, daughter of Richard Floyer, and sister of Richard Pyott's wife. Michael Biddulph, their son, married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William Skeffington, 1st. bart., and sister of Mrs. Richard Pyott the younger.

Biddolphe, and his wife, gowns; to *Elizabeth Biddolph*, "for her name sake now dwelling with my daughter *Robinson*," £20; to my brors., *Ralph Flyer*,* and his wife, *William Skeffington* of Fisherwicke, esq., and his wife, gowns; to my son *Richard*, three gilt standing pots and a silver basin and ewer, and a gold ring with letters *W.B.* Bequests to servants (named), neighbours and friends. To my sister *Thornebury*, the money she owes me and £5, and to her children 40s/- each. To *John Pyott*, girdler, £5. To my cousins, *John* and *James Sherwyn*, 40s/- each. To my cousins, *William* and *Thomas Wall*, 40s/- each. To my son *Richard*, my land called *Ashurst* and *Ash Moores*, co. *Staffs.* and *Lichfield*, and all other my lands there, in tail male. To my sons, *William* and *John*, £400 each. To my daus., *Anne Robinson*, £200; *Elizabeth Ducey*, £100; *Margaret*, £100; *Mary*, £300; and *Sarah*, £300. To my wife *Margery*, £100. To *Mary*, wife of my son *Richard*, £50. To my cousins, *Randall* and *Thomas Jackson*, 40s/- each. To my cousins, *James Sherwyn* of the Hayhouse, *Richard Pyott* of *Dilhorne*, and *William Pyott* of *Cunslowe*, 20s/- each. To my nephew, *Francis Ward*, 40s/-. To *Francis Flyer*, son of my late bror., *Mathew Flyer*, £5. To my sister *Jackson*, £6. To my bror., *Mr. Ralph Flyer*, £5, and to his dau., my goddau., £5, and to his other children, £1 each. To my cousin, *Lady Corbet*,† a double sovereign. Exors., my son, *Richard Pyott*, and bror., *William Pyott*, citizen and grocer of *London*. Overseers, my cousin, *Mr. Thomas Boothbie*, and my sons-in-law, *Humfrey Robinson*, *Robert Ducey* and *Edward James*. I have surrendered my copyhold lands in *Stepney Manor*, co. *M'sex*, to the uses of my

* His wife's half-brother, *Ralph Floyer* [d. 1643], of *Hints*, near *Lichfield*, was father of *Richard Floyer* [1603-79], of *Hints*, who by *Elizabeth Babington* [1620 ?-1680] his wife, was father of the celebrated *Lichfield* physician, *Sir John Floyer* [1649-1734]. *Sir John Floyer* was great-uncle to *Charles Floyer* [1712-60], whose wife, *Susanna Willington* [d. 1750], was a great-grand-daughter of *Waldyve Willington*, who married *Joan Porter* in 1630, and so was akin to *Harry Porter*, first husband of *Mrs. Johnson* (see *ante*, VII., 108-10). *Catherine Floyer* [1739-1810], daughter of *Charles* and *Susanna*, married in 1762 *Thomas Levett*, son of *Johnson's* early patron, *Theophilus Levett* (see *ante*, IV., 191).

Elizabeth Babington, abovementioned, mother of *Sir John Floyer*, was aunt to *Mary Babington* [d. 1688] who married *Matthew Dyott* [d. 1698] and became the great-grandmother of *Matthew Boulton* [1728-1809]. Moreover her nephew, *John Babington* [1638 ?-1706 ?], was father of *Mary Babington* who married *Theophilus Levett* (see *ante*, IV., 190), and of *Dorothy Babington* who married *Luke Robinson*, whose daughters, *Mary* and *Ann Robinson*, were successively the wives of their kinsman, the said *Matthew Boulton*.

† *William Boothby* [d. 1597], brother to *Thomas* and *Robert Boothby* of the last note but two, married *Judith* [1566 ?-1640], daughter of *Thomas Austin* [1538 ?-1601], of *Oxley*, par. of *Bishbury*, co. *Staffs.*; she married 2ndly. *William Basset*, of *Blore*, and 3rdly. *Sir Richard Corbet*, of *Moreton Corbet*, *Shropshire*. Her daughter, *Elizabeth Boothby* [b. 1590], married *Sir Andrew Corbet* [b. 1580], nephew to *Sir Richard*. The bequest is probably to the mother. *William* and *Judith's* son *Thomas Boothby* [1589-1652], of *Tooley Park*, co. *Leic.*, was grandfather of *Thomas Boothby*, of *Tooley Park*, the celebrated foxhunter, who married *Hester Skrymsher*, the sister of *Johnson's*

will, and I give my lands at Bethnal Green to my son *William*, in tail male, with contingent remainders, to my son *John*, in tail male, my son *Richard*, in tail male, to my right heirs. All my customary lands in Low Layton, co. Essex, and the tenement wherein I dwell in St. Lawrence Lane, Cheape Ward, London, after my wife's death, to my son *John*, in tail male, with contingent remainders as above, to his brors. Signed, *Richard Pyott*. Wits., *John Mayle*, *Thomas Morley*, *George Johnson*, *Samuel Davyes* and *Robert Prettye*. Proved 31 Jan. 1619/20, in P.C.C. (Soame, 5), by the exors. named.

MARGERIE PYOTT, widow of *Richard Pyott*, late citizen and alderman of London. Will dated 31 Dec. 1623. To be burd. in St. Lawrence Jewry church, near my husband, and a monument to be set up for £50. To *Mr. Boswell*, vicar of that church, a black gown and £5. To 60 poor women, black gowns, 10 to be of Layton, co. Essex, where I usually dwell. To my eldest son, *Richard Pyott*, his wife and children, £20 for mourning; the like to my sons *William* (and his wife) and *John*, and to my daus., their husbands and children. To my eldest dau., *Ann*, wife of *Mr. Humfrey Robinson*, £500; to her children, *Richard*, *Humfrey*, *Elizabeth* and *Anne*, £20 each at 21. To my dau. *Elizabeth*, wife of *Mr. Robert Ducie*, citizen and alderman of London, £500; to her children, *Richard*, *William*, *Robert* and *Mary*, £20 each at 21. To my dau. *Mary*, wife of *Hugh Barker*, Dr. of Civil Law, £500, and to her dau. *Mary*, £20 at 21. To my sons, *William Pyott* and *John Pyott*, £500 each. To my dau. *Margaret*, wife of *Mr. Edward James*, £100. To my dau. *Sarah*, wife of *Mr. Francis James*, £100. To *Richard*, son of my son *Richard*, £20, and to his dau., *Elizabeth Pyott*, £50, and to his other dau. *Mary*, £20 at 21. To *William James*, son of my dau. *Sarah*, £20 at 21. To the wives of my sons *Richard* and *William*, £10 each. To my brors., *Mr. Ralph Flyer*, and *Symon Biddulph*; my sisters, *Joyce Biddulph* and *Mary Jackson*; my bror. *Ralph Flyer's* three children; *Michael Biddulph*, eldest son of my sister, and her other three children; *Elizabeth Jackson*, dau. of my sister *Mary*, and her other five children; my bror. *William Pyott*, his wife and their three children; my brother and sister *Skevington*; my cousin, *Richard Boothby*, son of my late sister, *Elizabeth Boothby*, and his dau.; my cousins, *Mrs. Dade*, *Mrs. Wetherall* and *Mrs. Mosse*, children of the said *Elizabeth Boothby*; *

"very near relative," Charles Skrymsher (see *ante*, III., p. 24). Sir Henry Boothby [1594-1648], created a bart. in 1644, was another son of William and Judith, and great-grandfather of Johnson's close friend, Miss Hill Boothby [1708-56]; see *ante*, VI., 173-5.

Johnson's college friend, Andrew Corbet, inherited the property of Corbet Kynaston [d. 1740], whose grandfather, Sir Vincent Corbet [d. 1680], 2nd. bart., was grandson of Sir Andrew Corbet and Elizabeth Boothby (see *ante*, V., 122, and Corbet pedigrees in "Peerages").

* Robert Boothby and Elizabeth Floyer (see previous footnote, p. 153) had three daughters, Joyce Dade, Elizabeth Wetherall and Margerie Mors, mentioned in the will of their uncle, Thomas Boothby, in 1622; their husbands were probably John Dade, Thomas Wetherall and Thomas Mors, mentioned in same will.

Mr. Thomas Boothby, Francis Flyer, Richard Walton and Richard Sherwod, small money legacies. Legacies to poor and servants. To my sister, *Mary Jackson*, £5 a year, and to her dau., *Dorothy Throp*, £3 a year. To my cousin *Susan*, wife of *Humfrey Alsoppe*, 40s/- a year. To my cousin, *Isabel Bond*, 20s/- . Bequests of plate, etc., to children and relatives already named. Exors., my son-in-law, *Mr. Robert Ducie*, and my son, *William Pyott*. Overseers, my son, *John Pyott*, and my cousin, *Anthony Biddulph*. Signed, *Margery Pyott*. Wits., *Jo. Mayle, Ralph Hayward* and *John Hawkesworth*. Proved 9 Mch. 1624/5, in P.C.C. (Clarke, 29), by *Robert Ducie*, alderman of London, and *William Pyott*.

WILLIAM PYOTT, citizen and grocer of London. Will dated 11 Aug. 1626. To be burd. in the par. church of St. Lawrence Jury, London, whereof I am a parishioner. The messuage wherein I dwell, called the Talbot, in said par., and my other tenement there, to my wife *Ann*, for life, with remainder to my son, *Richard Pyott*, grocer, and I give him the marriage portion of £300 I received. Residue to be divided into three portions, one for my wife, one for my children, *Richard, Jane*, wife of *Samuel Davys*, citizen and grocer of London, and *Mary*, wife of *Samuel* (? *Francis*) *Manning*, goldsmith; of the third portion I give my grandchild, *William Davys*, £20, my grandchild, *William Pyott*, £20, and my grandchild, *Samuel Mannyng*, £20. To *Richard, William* and *John Pyott*, sons of my late bror., *Richard Pyott*, alderman, decd., 20s/- each. To my sister, *Constance Thornebury*, widow, £3. To *Ann*, wife of *Humfry Robinson*, *Elizabeth*, wife of *Alderman Ducie*, and *Margaret*, wife of *Francis* (? *Edward*) *James*, 20s/- each. Resid. legatee and extrix., my wife. Overseer, my friend, *Thomas Kynaston*, merchant. Signed, *William Pyott*. Wits., *Ro. Woodton, Thomas Kynaston* and *Barth. Bigmore*. Proved 22 Aug. 1626, in P.C.C. (Hele, 104), by *Anne Pyott*, the relict.

ANN PYOTT, of St. Lawrence Jewry, London, widow. Will dated 9 Oct. 1632. To my grandchild and goddau., *Mary Manning*, dau. of *Francis Mannyng*, goldsmith, £50 at 21. To his other children, £50 amongst them. To my grandchild and godson, *Richard Davys*, son of *Samuel Davys*, girdler, £50 at 21. To his other children, £50 amongst them. To my grandchild and goddau., *Ann Pyott*, dau. of my son, *Richard Pyott*, £50 at 21, and to his other dau., *Susan Pyott*, £50 at 21; and to his three sons, £10 each at 21. To the poor of Stone, co. Staffs., where I was born, £5 to be distributed at discretion of my own bror., *Christopher Dickyn*, and my bror.-in-law, *M. Moore*. To my said bror., *Christopher Dickyn*, 40s/- . To my sister, *Alice Moore*, £3. To my dau. *Elizabeth*, wife of my son, *Richard Pyott*, and to my dau. *Jane*, wife of *Samuel Davys*, £40 owing to me in Wales by *John Lloyd*. To my friends, *Mr. Thomas Kynaston* and his wife, 40s/- between them. Resid. legatee and exor., *Richard Pyott*. Signed, (mark). Legacies to poor of St. Lawrence Jewry, and poor children of Christ's Hospital. Wits., *George Besse, Margaret Hughes* (mark) and *Jo. Holmes*, servant to *G. Besse*. Codicil (undated) gives clothes to said two daus.; wits. as before. Proved 5 Mch. 1632/3, in P.C.C. (Russell, 25), by the exor. named.

WILLIAM PYOTT, of Bethnal Green, par. of Stepney, co. M'sex, esq. Will dated 25 Mch. 1643. To be burd. in par. church of St. Lawrence Jury, London, in the vault where my late parents lie. To poor of Bethnal Green, £10; to poor of St. Lawrence Jury, £5. To my bror., *Richard Pyott*, and his wife, £15; to my sister, *Margaret Beauchampe* and her husband, £15; to my sister *Barker*, £8; to my bror., *John Pyott*, and his wife, £15; to my cousin, *Richard Pyott*, £7-10-0, and to his sister, *Jane Davis*, £7-10-0; to my cousin, *Mrs. Ann Howe*, £7-10-0; to my uncle, *Mr. Richard Leigh*, and his wife, £15; and to my friend, *William Richbell*, and his wife, £15, all for mourning, and each to have £10 for a ring. To 46 poor men attending my funeral, a gown each, at 13^s/4. To my cousin, *Humfrey Robinson*, £50 at 21. To my cousin *Anne Howe's* dau., *Mary How*, £100 at 21. To my godson, *William Richbell*, £5. My wife *Jane* and I have surrendered my copyhold messuage in Hackney to be sold. Resid. legatee and extrix., my wife *Jane*. Overseers, *Mr. Richard Leigh*, my uncle, and *William Richbell*. All my lands in Stepney, and in Bromley, co. Kent, to my wife, and the copyhold messuage at Bethnal Green, given me by my father, *Richard Pyott*, late citizen and alderman of London, decd., after my wife's death, to my bror., *John Pyott*, and those in Bromley, after her death, to my bror., *Richard Pyott*, and those in Stepney to *William Pyott*, second son of my bror. *Richard*. To my wife, my messuages and lands in Wilhamsted, co. Bedf., which I bought of *Thomas Awdley*, and after her death to my bror. *Richard*. Signed, *Wm. Pyot*. Wits., *Robt. Davis* (mark), *Bartholomew Lavender* and *Edward Stevens*. Proved 29 Jan. 1643/4, at Oxford, and 23 May 1645, in P.C.C. (Rivers, 65), by *Jane Pyott*, relict and extrix.

MARY BARKER, of Fritwell, co. Oxon, widow, late wife and exor. of *Hugh Barker*, esq., Dr. of Laws and Dean of the Arches. Will dated 30 Oct. 1648. To be burd. in New College, Oxford, next my husband. My manors of Lowden *alias* Louendane *alias* Rowdendon, and Kincham *alias* Cassingham, and lands, etc., in Rolvenden, Benenden, Bydenden, Tenterden, Halden and Cranbrooke, co. Kent, to my grandchild, *Samuel Sandys*, esq., son and heir apparent of my son-in-law, *Samuel Sandys*; to his second son, *Edwynne Sandys*, my lease of the prebend of West Wightering, co. Sussex, during lives of *William* and *Hugh Barker*, sons of *Robert Barker*, gent.; also six parcels of marsh ground in Chislitt, co. Kent. To my grandchild, *Mary Sandys*, dau. of my said son-in-law, £1000 on marriage or at 18. The said manor bequeathed to grandchild, *Samuel Sandys*, to be to him and his issue, and in default of issue to said *Edwynne* and his issue, said *Mary* and her issue, in default to *Samuel* the father and his heirs for ever. The prebend, on *Edwynne's* death without issue, to his bror., sister and father, as above. To my exors., lease given me by my son-in-law, *Samuel Sandys*, and my dau. *Mary*, his wife, of manor and lordship of Ombersley and Wickhamford, bearing date 3 Sept. 1646, to use of said *Samuel* and *Mary*; also manor of Stoulton-cum-Wadborowe to use of said *Mary* and her children. To my sister *Beauchampe*, £20, and to my bror.-in-law *Beauchamp* and my said sister £10 each for mourning. To my bror., *Mr. John Pyott*, and his wife, £10

each. To my cousin, wife of *Mr. Merriott*, of Swateley, £10. To my cousin, wife of *Mr. Spooner*, of Bishopsgate Street, London, £10; to my cousin, *John Gardner*, £5. To my late husband's nephews, *William* and *Hugh Barker*, £5 each; to my kinswoman and servant, *Mary Morse*, £100. To my bror., *Richard Pyott*, esq., and his wife, £10 each, and to his four daus. now living at home with him, £10 each, and to his son *Richard*, £10. To my niece, *Mary Pyott*, £10, having already given her £500, in the hands of her father. To my only dau., *Mary Sandys*, £20 for a ring. To my friend, *Master Michael Thomas*, £5. To *Mr. Humphrey Davies*, £1. Bequests to servants, *William Wyche*, *Roger Fennemore*, *Anne Lowe* and *Anne Harvie*, and to the poor. To my sister *Barker*, of Fritwell, a further legacy of £1. Resid. legatee, my grandson, *Samuel Sandys*. Exors., my bror., *Richard Pyott*, esq., my friends, *Richard Salloway*, esq., *Nicholas Lechmere*, esq., and *Edward Pitt*, esq., in Worcester. Signed, *Mary Barker*. Wits., *Philip Parsons*, *William Barker* and *Jeremy Okeley*. (Schedule of goods at Ombersley, bequeathed to *Samuel Sandys*, grandchild, covers more than a page.) Admon. granted 6 May 1654, in P.C.C. (Alchin, 78), to *Dame Penelope Sandys*, during minority of *Samuel*, *Mary* and *Edwinne Sandys*, minors, and grandchildren of decd.; *Richard Pyott*, *Richard Salloway*, *Nicholas Lechmere*, *Edward Pitt*, esq., exors. of decd., *Mary Sandys alias Barker*, only child of decd., having renounced. Expired Nov. 1668, on attainment of majority of *Samuel Sandys*, the grandchild.

Admon. of *Mary Barker*, late of Fretwell, co. Oxon, decd., granted 18 Nov. 1668 to *Samuel Sandys*, son (sc. grandson) of decd., to administer goods, etc., according to tenor of her will, the admon. with will annexed granted to *Dame Penelope Sandys*, guardian assigned to *Samuel*, *Mary* and *Edwin Sandys*, children (sc. grandchildren) of decd., during their minority, having expired owing to the full age of said *Samuel*; *Richard Pyott*, *Richard Salloway*, *Nicholas Lechmere* and *Edward Pitt*, exors. named in will, having renounced exorship., as well as *Mary Sandys alias Barker*, dau. of decd. (P.C.C., Probate Act Book).

JOHN PYOTT, late of Streethy, co. Staffs., esq. Admon. granted 24 Dec. 1678 to *John Woollaston*, uncle and guardian of *Richard*, *Elizabeth*, *John*, *William*, *Thomas*, *Mary* and *Frances Pyott*, minors, children of decd., until their ages of 21 (P.C.C., Act Book, f. 155).

JOHN PYOTT, late of Tring, co. Herts., esq. Admon. granted 9 Dec. 1681 to *Anne Pyott*, the widow (P.C.C., Admon. Act Book, f. 162d.).

JOHN PYOTT, late of Tring, co. Herts., esq. Admon. granted 12 June 1682 to *Anne* (wife of *Edward Dorrell*) *Dorrell alias Pyott*, dau. of decd., in respect of goods left unadministered by *Anne Pyott*, the relict. Former grant Dec. 1681 (P.C.C., Admon. Act Book, f. 82d.).

ANNE PYOTT, late of Tring, co. Herts., but in par. of St. Vedast *alias* Foster's, London, widow, decd. Admon. granted 22 July 1682 to *Anne Darell*, wife of *Edward Darell*, the dau. of decd. (P.C.C., Admon. Act Book, f. 101r).

RICHARD PYOTT, the elder, late of Streethay, par. of St. Michael's, Lichfield, esq., decd. Admon. granted 2 Sept. 1684, at Lichfield, of goods left unadministered by *John Pyott*, the son and exor., to *John Woolaston*, of Streethay, gent., a kinsman of decd. No sureties. No inventory. Bond, £100.

JOHN PYOTT, of Streethay, par. of St. Michael's, Lichfield, esq., decd. Admon. granted 21 May 1685, at Lichfield, of goods left unadministered by *John Woolaston*, to *Richard Pyott*, of Streethay, esq., the son and admor. Surety, *John Gee*, husbandman. Inventory dated 9 May 1685: appraisers, *Jo: Babington* and *John Jee*: total, £977-0-6.

WILLIAM PYOTT, late of Tunstall, co. Staffs. Admon. granted 26 Jan. 1688/9, to *Elizabeth*, wife of *Francis Wightwicke*, and sister of decd. (P.C.C., Admon. Act Book, f. 3d.).

JOHN PYOTT, of Westham, co. Essex, gent. Will dated 4 May 1689. To my uncle, *Sigismund Trafford*, of Tid St. Mary, co. Lincoln, esq., and his heirs, all my freehold lands, etc., in cos. Essex and Herts., and elsewhere, that are not settled on my eldest son *John*, and my copyhold lands in same counties, in trust to sell same and divide profits among my four younger children, *Anne*, *Jane*, *Susanna* and *Robert Pyott*, at their ages of 21. To my eldest son *John*, 20s/-, and to my said uncle, £10. Resid. legatee and exor., said uncle, *Sigismund Trafford*. Signed, *John Pyott*. Wits., *Robt. Smyth*, *James Smyth* and *Eliz. Saintpère*. Proved 31 July 1689, in P.C.C. (Ent. 102), by *Sigismund Trafford*, esq., the exor. named.

RICHARD PYOTT, of Streethay, co. Staffs., esq. Will dated 23 Sept. 1728. To be burd. in par. church of St. Michael, Litchfield, in the vault with my wife. To my exors., my capital mansion house called Streethay Hall, wherein I now dwell, for 12 months, to sell my personal estate, and after that time to my son, *John Pyott*, to hold in special tail as my other lands. To my exors., my lands, etc., in Streethay, Whittington and Alrewas, co. Staffs., and Litchfield, particularly the houses and lands in the tenure of *Richard Hinks*, *William Wallace, sen. and jun.*, *Daniel Morris*, and others in West Riddinge, Whittings Meadow, Nine Acres in Whisidge, Crossfield, Overbridge Field, Brownhill, lately bought of *Sir Theophilus Biddulph, bt.*, in all about the value of £200 a year, in trust for my said son. To the children of my dau. *Walsh*, £800, according to the deed made, now in the hands of *Edward Walsh*, esq., their uncle. My exors. to sell the rest of my estate for benefit of my younger children, *Ann*, *Mary*, *Blanche*, *Charlotte* and *Charles*. To my dau., *Ann Pyott*, £100 besides. To my dau., *Carolina Malet*, £5, she having already had her fortune. To my son, *Lieut.-Col. Richard Pyott*, 5s/-, having already given him £500 to buy a commission. To the poor of St. Michael, Litchfield, £5. To my granddau., *Jane Walsh*, a cabinet with the china thereupon. To my granddau., *Edith Walsh*, two large silver candlesticks and snuffers. To my dau. *Ann*, a large silver cup and cover to it, and the china in the closet. Exors., my son, *Lieut.-Col. Pyott*, and my dau.,

Ann Pyott. Signed, *R. Pyott*. Wits., *Mary Hawkins*, *Will. Hutchinson*, *William Smith* and *Robt. Deakin*. Proved 10 May 1757, by *Ann*, wife of *Lewis Righton*, dau. and surviving exor., in P.C.C. (Herring, 166).

JOHN PYOTT, of Streethay, co. Staffs., esq. Will dated 8 Feb. 1728/9. Of indifferent health. My dear and loving wife *Dorothea* to have guardianship of my dear children, begging and entreating her to be careful of their education, and of their fortunes. All my real estate, and residue of personal estate, after payment of debts, to wife *Dorothea*, whom I appoint sole extrix. Signed, *John Pyott*. Wits., *Edw. Holmes*, *Francis Holmes* and *Theo. Levett*. *Dorothea Pyott* renounced 25 Nov. 1729 : proctor's commission dated same day, wits., *William Allport* and *Jane Perry*. Admon. granted 28 Nov. 1729, at Lichfield, to *Humphrey Bewan*, of St. James in the Fields, the principal creditor. Sureties, *Thomas Millington*, of the Close, Lichfield, webster, and *John Horner*, of the Close, Lichfield, bridle cutter.

ROBERT PYOTT, of Layer de Lay Hay, Essex, esq. Will dated 1 Feb. 1733/4. All my copyhold estate to my uncle, *Ja. Smyth*, esq., his heirs and assigns, in trust to sell same to pay my debts, and residue, with all else I possess, to *Robert*, son of my servant, *Robert Simons*. Exor., said uncle. Signed, *Robt. Pyott*. Wits., *Hen. Smyth*, *Willm. Stirling*, Bow Lane, and *William Pearhouse, jun.* Proved 15 Feb. 1733/4, in P.C.C. (Ockham, 43), by *James Smyth*, esq., the exor.

RICHARD PYOTT, of Streethay, co. Staffs., esq., Lieut.-Col. in a Regiment of Horse. Will dated 14 Mch. 1737/8. To my sister *Anne*, wife of my bror., *Charles Pyott*, my snuff box with gold hinge and rim. To my sister, *Anne Pyott*, spinster, my gold repeating watch. To my sister, *Mary Pyott*, my picture set in gold. To my sister, *Blanch Pyott*, my blue heart stone ring set round with brilliants. To my sister, *Frances Burdett*, my heart amber snuff box with gold hinge and rim. To my bror., *Charles Pyott*, my Brazil stone shoebuckles and knee buckles. To my kinsman, *Fettiplace Nott*, esq., my gold-headed cane. To my nephew, *Oliver Walsh*, my scarlet horse furniture laced and fringed with gold, and his choice of my "demypeck" saddles.* To my sister, *Carolina Malet*, £200. These legacies given to shew my affection, my circumstances being "lately altered." To my nieces, *Anne* and *Rebecca Walsh*, £100 each at 21. All my copyhold lands in Streethay, Whittington, and elsewhere in co. Staffs., held of the manor of Longdon, to *George Hand, the younger*, of Lichfield Cathedral Close, gent., in trust to pay the annuities I have granted to my sisters *Anne*, *Mary* and *Blanch Pyott*, by indenture of 3 Jan. 1729/30, and the residue to my wife *Mary*. All my freehold estates in Streethay to my said trustee, to the use of my said wife, for life, with remainder to my son, *Robert Thomas Pyott*, and his issue, in default to my natural son, *Richard Pyott*, and his issue, subject to £1000 to be paid to my natural dau., *Carolina Pyott*, with remainder

* A "demipique" was only half the height of the older war-saddle. *Oxford Eng. Dict.*

to my bror., *Charles Pyott*, and his heirs for ever. To my said son *Robert Thomas*, my gold watch-chain, to which my seals with my coat of arms is attached. Resid. legatee and extrix., my wife *Mary*, she to educate my said son *Robert Thomas* and any other children born of her body, and I recommend to her favour and protection the said *Richard* and *Carolina Pyott*, and I desire that a deed of 11 Mch. 1737/8, between me, my said wife and *Fettiplace Nott*, of Marston Hall, co. Warw., esq., may be duly observed. Signed, *R. Pyott*. Wits., *R. Rider*, *Char. Howard* and *Tho. Millington*. Proved 14 Aug. 1738, in P.C.C. (Brodrepp, 202), by the extrix.

ANN PYOTT, formerly *Sandys*, late of St. Martin, near Canterbury, decd. Admon. granted 14 Mch. 1761, in P.C.C., to *Charles Pyott*, esq., her husband (Admon. Act Book).

ANN PYOTT (wife of *Charles Pyott*, esq.), late of Canterbury, decd. Admon. granted 16 June 1789, in P.C.C., to *Ann Pyott* (wife of *Robert Thomas Pyott*, esq.), dau. of afsd. *Ann Pyott*, *Charles Pyott*, the husband, having died without taking upon himself the admon. of goods of decd. (Admon. Act Book).

CHARLES PYOTT, of St. Martin near and without the Walls of Canterbury, esq. Will dated 4 Apl. 1778. To my son-in-law, *Robert Thomas Pyott*, esq., £100 for mourning. All my messuages and lands to *Peter Johnson*, of York, esq., and *Edwin Humphry Sandys*, of Canterbury, gent., as well as all my mortgages, securities, jewellery, etc., to pay proceeds yearly to dau. *Ann*, wife of said *Robert Thomas Pyott*, for her life, she to have disposition of same. Resid. legatee and extrix., said dau. Signed, *Chas. Pyott*. Wits., *Jno. Sampson*, *J. Richardson* and *Elizabeth Court*. Proved 20 Apl. 1789, in P.C.C. (Macham, 215), by *Ann*, wife of *Robert Thomas Pyott*, the extrix.

ROBERT THOMAS PYOTT, of St. Martin's, nr. Canterbury, Kent. Will dated 28 Feb. 1789. All my ready money, debts and securities for money, plate, watches, etc., and personal estates, to my dear wife, *Anne Pyott*, to and for her own use and benefit absolutely, and appoint her sole extrix. Wits., *William Gage* and *Peter Hatcher*. I leave to my dear cozen, *Francis Burdett*, dau. of *Sir Robert Burdett, bart.*, my "Sapho" gold ring, as the only property I have worth her acceptance, God bless her. Proved 20 Aug. 1804, in Consistory Court of Canterbury (32/67/247).

DOROTHEA JOHNSON, widow of *Peter Johnson*, esq., late Recorder of York, decd. Will dated 4 Dec. 1800. To my granddau., *Dorothea*, widow of *Henry Methold*, esq., £2000, and to her eldest dau., *Dorothea Methold*, my goddau., £100. To my granddau., *Maria*, now the Lady of the Rt. Hon. Lord Viscount *Aghrim*, £2000. To my son-in-law, *Sir John Eden, bart.*'s two sons, *Robert* and *Morton Eden*, £200 each. To my husband's sister, *Mrs. Henrietta Tuncliff*, £100. To my friends, *Henry Thompson*, of Kirby Hall, esq., £100; to his wife, *Mrs. Thompson*, 20 guineas; to *William Withers*, of York, esq., £100; to his wife, *Cordelia*, 20 guineas; and to *Robert Thomas Pyott*, esq., and *Anna* his wife,

my relations and friends, 20 guineas each. To my goddau., *Cordelia Ewbank*, eldest dau. of *Rev. Andrew Ewbank*, of Londsborough, and to *Mrs. Bore*, wife of *Michael Bore*, of Fulford, esq., 20 guineas each. To *Mrs. Mary Morritt*, *Mrs. Bridget Morritt*, *Mrs. Cath.* and *Mrs. Frances Morritt*, *Mrs. Goodrick*, *Mrs. Goodrick* (sic) wife of *Rev. Henry Goodrick*, *Mrs. Andrew Wilkinson*, *Mrs. Dr. Withers*, *Mrs. Andrew Ewbank* and *Mrs. Allen*, 10 guineas each. To my companion, *Ann Curtoys*, widow of *Charles Curtoys*, of Salisbury, surgeon, £50 beyond her salary, and also £30 a year for life. To my servant, *Mary Platt*, £40 a year for life, and I desire she may be permitted to reside in the dwelling house with garden on Castle Hill, York, now in tenure of *Mrs. Dunnington*, rent free ; if not, she to have £50 a year more. To *Ann Platt*, now living with *Sir John Eden*, 20 guineas, as a testimony of her faithful service in my family. To *Anna Stephenson*, dau. of my late coachman, *William Stephenson*, decd., 5 guineas a year for life. To my servant, *John Barnard*, £60, and an annuity of £50 a year for life. To my servant, *Peter Raisbeck*, £10 a year for life. To my servant, *William Brown*, 20 guineas. To my servant, *Anna Mannarin*, the like. My china, books, linen, etc., to remain in my dwelling house on Castle Hill for the use of my granddaus., pursuant to my husband's will as to their succession. Resid. legatees, my granddaus., *Catherine*, *Dulcibella*, *Ann*, *Emeline*, *Eleanor* and *Charlotte Eden*, the six surviving unmard. daus. of *Sir John Eden* by my decd. dau. *Dorothy*, his late wife. Exors., the said *Henry Thompson* and *William Thompson* [sic] *Withers*. Signed, *D. Johnson*. Wits., *Richd. Metcalfe*, *Jno. Agar* and *James Watson*. Codicil dated 25 Nov. 1809. Since making my will, my friend, *William Withers*, has died, and I now appoint *William Walton*, of Lincoln's Inn, M'sex, esq., exor., and give him £100. I revoke the bequest to my granddau., then *Lady Aghrim*, now *Lady Athlone*, of £2000, and in lieu thereof bequeath to my grandson, *Robert Eden*, esq., £2000, in trust to pay the interest to my said granddau. for life. To said grandson, all the furniture, books, globes and glasses in the study in my present dwelling house in York. To my granddau. *Catherine*, wife of *Robert Eden Duncombe Shafto*, esq., £2000. To my grandchildren, £100 each. I revoke my bequests to *Peter Raisbeck* and *Miss Helen Barton*. To my companion, *Miss Naper*, £50 a year for life. To my servant, *Jane Seymour*, £5 a year for life. To *John Barnard*, £20 a year for life. To *Mrs. Bore*, widow of *Richard Bore*, of Osbaldock, £80. To *Mrs. Ewbank*, widow of *Mr. George Ewbank*, 10 guineas. To *William Richardson*, of Fulford, esq., and his wife, 10 guineas. To *Mrs. George Wilson*, resident in the Minster Yard, York, widow of *Col. Wilson*, and to *Mrs. Barlow*, widow of *Samuel Francis Barlow*, esq., of Middlethorpe, 10 guineas each. Signed, *D. Johnson*. Wits., *Anth. Thorpe*, of York, solr., and *Geo. Thorpe* and *Jas. Morris Bebb*, his clerks. To my present coachman, *Newark Brown*, £10 a year. I desire I may be burd. in the par. church of St. Martin's, Coney Street, York, in the vault made by my late husband, in the north corner under the Communion Table ; no monument to be erected, but £50 to be given to the poor of Arkondale, Knapton and Castlegate parishes. Signed, *D. Johnson*. On 25 Oct. 1810 appeared personally *George Thorpe*, of York, gent., and *John*

Barnard, of York, gent., and swore to handwriting of last bequests and directions. Proved 30 Oct. 1810, in P.C.C. (Collingwood, 506), by *William Walton*, exor., power reserved to *Henry Thompson*, esq., the other exor named.

ANNE PYOTT, of St. Martin without the Walls, Canterbury, widow. Will dated 15 Mch. 1805. My late husband, *Robert Thomas Pyott*, esq., desired me to give £500 to the General Kent and Canterbury Hospital in Canterbury, which I give with £500 of my own. To *Robert Faussett*, godson of said husband, and son of *Henry Godfrey Faussett*, of Heppington, co. Kent, esq., by *Susan* his late wife (*née Sandys*), decd., £1044 at 21. To his sister, *Anne Faussett*, £1044 at 21. To my cousin, *Edwin Humphry Sandys*, £50; to his wife, £50; and to his bror., *Charles Sandys*, £50. To *Sarah*, wife of *Henry Godfrey Faussett*, £50. To cousin *Catherine (née Sandys)*, wife of *John Cheshyre*, esq., £50. To cousin *Alicia (née Sandys)*, wife of *Mr. Cockburn*, esq., £50. To *Sir Henry Pix Heyman*, bart., £50, and to his sister, *Mary Heyman*, spinster, £50. To *William Jones Burdett*, esq., in trust for *Lucy Burdett*, an infant, £50. Rings to *Noel Clarke Mundy*, the elder, of Monkeaton (sc. Markeaton), nr. Derby, esq., and *Elizabeth* his wife; *Sir Francis Burdett*, bart.; *Frances Burdett*, of Willington, nr. Derby, spinster; *Frances Burdett*, the younger, spinster; *Dorothy Johnson*, of York, widow; and *Sir John Eden*, of Winleston (sc. Windlestone), nr. Durham, bart. To *Mary Malie*, of Haverford West, S. Wales, spinster, £40 a year for life. To *Elizabeth Benson*, of Union Street, Hanover Square, M^{sex}, spinster, £30 a year for life. To *George Loop*, our late servant, £100, and £100 a year for life, and my cottage in St. Martin's, rent free. To my servants, *Amelia Ann Loop*, *Ann Crouch*, *Sarah Munns*, *William Gage* and *Henry Snelling*, a full year's wage and £10 each a year for life. To be burd. in the family vault in St. Martin's church, near late husband. The capital mansion wherein I live, and all my messuages and lands, excepting said cottage, to my friends, *William Hougham*, of Barton, esq., *Richard Frend*, of the city of Canterbury, wine merchant, and *George Carter*, of Canterbury, esq., in trust, to use of *Charles Sandys*, second son of my cousin, *Edwin Humphrey Sandys*, in tail male, with contingent remainders to *Edwin Sandys*, eldest son of *Edwin Humphrey Sandys*, in tail male, to *George Sandys*, the third son, in tail male, to *James Sandys*, the fourth son, in tail male, to *John Sandys*, the fifth and youngest son, in tail male, to any other sons, to my right heirs. Resid. legatees, the children of *Edwin Humphrey Sandys*. Exors., said trustees. Signed, *Anne Pyott*. Wits., *James Warren*, of Canterbury, watchmaker, *John Hodges*, of same, attorney at law, and *John Heard*, his clerk. Codicil dated 2 Mch. 1813. To *Lady Frances Benson*, widow, two guineas. To *Anne Faussett*, dau. of *Henry Godfrey Faussett*, esq., by *Susan* his late wife, my pearls. To *William Jones Burdett*, esq., and *Richard Frend*, in trust for *Lucy Burdett*, spinster, residing with *Mrs. Chalklen*, at Bromley, Kent, £555-11-0, instead of £50 bequeathed to her in my will. Legacies to servants altered. Signed, *Anne Pyott*. Wits., *M. Cowtan* and *James Warren, jun.* Proved 26 Aug. 1816, in P.C.C. (Wynne, 454), by *William Hougham* and *Richard Frend*, the other exor. renouncing.

ABSTRACTS OF CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS

PYOTT *v.* AYERS

(Date illegible) ? 1648. Complaint by *John Pyott*, of Leighton, co. Essex, esq., and *Anne* his wife, that *Sir William Rowe*, of Walthamstow, co. Essex, kn., was seised in fee, according to the custom of the manor of Walthamstow Toney, co. Essex, of three parcels of land called Fitzwaters, about 12 acres, at a yearly rent of £10, abutting upon Pinder Street, Walthamstow. Being in need of money, he had conference with his eldest dau. *Anne*, wife of the said *John Pyott*, *re* sale of the same, and complainant and *Anne* agreed for the absolute purchase of the said copyhold lands to her and her heirs for £110. As, to raise the money, she was forced to borrow of her sister, *Elizabeth Rowe*, complainant and *Anne* surrendered the premises into the hands of the lord of the manor to the use of the said *Elizabeth Rowe*, now the wife of *John Ayers*, the younger, of Westminster, gent., second dau. of *Sir William Rowe*, and she was admitted. This surrender was made in trust for *Anne*. *Elizabeth* has always been ready to surrender the land to *Anne*, but since her marriage *John Ayers* refuses to do so, although he has been informed of the trust and that the lands rightfully belong to *Anne*. They desire *John Ayers* the younger and *Elizabeth* may be summoned to answer the premises (Chanc. Proc., Series 2, C.3, 457/134).

PYOTT *v.* CHRISTMAS

8 May 1648. Complaint by *Richard Pyott*, of Stretehay, co. Staffs., esq., and *William Pyott*, gent., one of his sons, that *Richard's* brother, *William Pyott*, of Bethnal Green, Stepney, co. M'sex, esq., decd., was seised of fee of divers freehold and copyhold messuages and lands in Hackney, Bethnal Green and Stepney, co. M'sex, Bromley, co. Kent, and Wilhamsted, co. Bedf., and elsewhere, and was possessed of the writings and deeds concerning the same, and of a considerable estate. On 25 Mch. 1643 he made his will, bequeathing to the said *Richard* and his wife £15 for mourning, and £10 each for a ring. He bequeathed certain property in Bromley to his wife *Jane*, for life, with remainder to said *Richard*, and his premises in Bethnal Green, given him by his late father, after his wife's death, to said *William Pyott*, second son of said *Richard*, and his heirs for ever; and his premises in Wilhamstead, purchased of *Thomas Audly*, after his wife's death, to the said *Richard*. He made *Jane*, his wife, extrix., who entered upon all the said lands, etc. She has since married *John Christmas*, of Byrchall, co. Essex, esq., and they, together with one *George Tuke*, have got all the evidences, writings, etc., into their hands, and refuse to pay the legacies due, and they desire *Christmas*, his wife, and *Tuke*, may be summoned to answer the premises.

15 Nov. 1648. Answer of *George Tuke*, gent., denying he has intermeddled in anything as stated (Chanc. Proc. before 1714, C.6, Collins 115/99).

PYOTT v. JOHNSON

27 Apl. 1649. Complaint by *John Pyott*, of Leighton, co. Essex, esq., that *William Johnson*, of Walthamstowe, co. Essex, gent., pretending he was rightly seised in fee of 4 acres of arable land in a field called Coppin Downe, in Leighton afsd., offered to sell same to complainant, alleging they were free from all incumbrances, and complainant bought same for £41. He has since discovered that leases of the same exist to his damage, etc.

21 May 1649. Answer of *William Johnson* concerning said land—no genealogical details (Chanc. Proc. before 1714, C.10, Whittington 1/91).

PYOTT v. ROWE

23 Nov. 1664. Complaint of *John Pyott*, of Tring, co. Herts., esq., that *Sir William Rowe*, of Higham Hill, par. of Walthamstow, co. Essex, knt., being in 1655 possessed of the parsonage of Tring and Wigginton, co. Herts., that is the mansion house of that parsonage and the manor or lordship of same, with the glebe lands, courts, services, etc., and tithes of all kinds, all of which he held of the Dean and Chapter of Christchurch, Oxford, for a term of 30 years, at a yearly rental of £74-18-4. On 9 July 1655, for a valuable consideration, *Sir William* assigned the lease, for the term still unexpired, to complainant, stating same to be free from all incumbrances. Continues *re divers* leases made contrary to his statement, etc.—no genealogical details *re Pyott*; mention of *Robert Rowe*, son of *Sir William*, and of *Cheny Rowe*, D.D. (Chanc. Proc., C.9, Reynardson 423/57).

PYOTT v. PAGE

3 Dec. 1664. Answer of *John Page*, one of the defendants to the bill of complaint of *John Pyott*, esq., that he does not know that in 1655, the time of his death, *Sir William Rowe* was possessed of the rectory and parsonage of Tring, but says that by indenture of 11 Dec. 1651, for £950, *Sir William Rowe* granted the same to this defendant for payment of £100 a year. The said £950 was not this defendant's money but that of *Dr. Cheney Rowe*, bror. of *Sir William*, and defendant merely a trustee for him. *Dr. Rowe* can best answer anything in the said bill (Chanc. Proc. before 1714, C.9, Reynardson 128/89).

PIOTT v. CHIVERTON

6 Mch. 1670/1. Answer of *Sir Richard Chiverton*, knt., to the bill of complaint of *John Pyott*, esq., that *Sir William Rowe*, knt., decd., held the manor and parsonage of Tring and Wigginton during his life, and by indenture of 23 May, 18 Charles I. [1642], for £600 conveyed to *John Pinsent*, gent., since decd., a messuage, barn, an orchard and 2 acres of land, 16 other acres of land in Higham Langland Close, a close called Clensers Croft, and another called Pules, and other closes (named), and afterwards the same came to *Benjamin Whichcott*, D.D., and *Richard Swann*, esq., who on 10 June 1664 assured the same to this defendant

and his heirs for £600, and defendant afterwards acquired other lands, etc., there. He believes *Robert Rowe* claimed certain estate in the estates mortgaged to the said defendant (Chanc. Proc. before 1714, C.10, Whittington 104/65).

PYOTT v. CHENEY ROWE

3 Mch. [year illegible]. Complaint by *John Pyott*, of Tring, co. Herts., esq., that *Sir William Rowe*, of Higham Hills, Walthamstow, Essex, knt., in 1655 was seised of the parsonage of Tring and Wigginton, co. Herts., that is the mansion house and other houses, barns, etc., and the manor of the said parsonage, with all leets, courts, etc., thereunto belonging, and all manner of tithes, all of which are held of Christchurch, Oxford, for 33 years, then unexpired, at a yearly rent of £74-8-4. By a deed of assignment, made 9 July 1655, *Sir William* assigned all that lease to complainant, before which date *Sir William* (on 11 Dec. 1651), on payment of £950, leased to *John Page*, of Middle Temple, London, esq., the messuage situated near the said parsonage house, with all tithes of wheat, barley, etc., for 22 years, at a peppercorn rent, which said devise was made to secure £100 a year to the use of *Cheney Rowe*, D.D., and which *John Page* redemised to *Sir William Rowe* on promise of payment of £100 a year. Afterwards *Sir William* leased the same to *Venables Lynds*, he to pay the said £100. By failure of payment, or in some other way, *John Page* or *Cheney Rowe* has obtained possession of the premises, and refuses to allow complainant to enter, to his damage, etc.

Oct. 1672. Answer of *Cheney Rowe* re said parsonage, etc.—nothing re *Pyott* family.

Demurrer of *Cheney Rowe* re same (Chanc. Proc. before 1714, C.5, Bridges 542/107).

PYOTT v. CHENEY ROWE

(no date). Demurrer of *Cheney Rowe*, esq., to bill of complaint of *John Pyott*, esq., re rent for Tring parsonage—not the same as 542/107, but on same subject (Chanc. Proc. before 1714, C.5, Bridges 542/83).

PYOTT and WOLLASTON v. WARD

3 Nov. 1677. Complaint by *John Pyott*, of Streethay, co. Staffs., esq., *John Woollaston*, of same, gent., and *Thomas Hamond*, of Lichfield, gent., and *Beatrice* his wife, that *Thomas Parkes*, late of Willingworth, co. Staffs., esq., was seised in fee of divers messuages and lands, and made his will making his wife *Rebecca* extrix., and giving most part of his estate to his then son and heir, *John Parkes*. After *Thomas's* death, the said *Rebecca*, finding herself in want of money to pay heriots, borrowed of the said *John Woollaston*, with promise that *John Parkes*, when of age, would pay. Before he could pay, *John* died, and *William Ward*, esq., and *Anne* his wife, entered on the premises. *John Parkes* made the complainants his exors., who now claim the said money.

Answer of *Hon. William Ward*, esq., and *Annah* his wife, that they believe the said will was proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury ; they know nothing of money borrowed or debt owing (Chanc. Proc., C.8, Mitford 308/9).

PYOTT v. TURNEY

31 Oct. 1678. Complaint by *John Pyott*, of Tring, co. Herts., esq., that the Master and College of St. Mary the Virgin and All Saints of Fotheringhay, co. Northants., before their dissolution did on 5 Aug., 5 Edward VI. [1551], demise to *Thomas Skipwith*, of St. Albans, Herts., esq., the parsonage of Tring, with mansion house, tithes, etc., for 10 years, and so from 10 years to 10 years to the end of 30 years, at a yearly rental of £66-13-4, and the same was after the dissolution ratified by the Dean and Chapter of Christchurch, Oxford, and afterwards a lease made of the same as well as of the parsonage of Wigginton, to *William Palmer*, auditor of Christchurch, Oxford, from 18 Sept., 10 Eliz. [1568], for 50 years, at a rental of £74-8-4. In Aug. 1676 complainant by divers assignments was seised of the manor, rectory, etc., and in July, 29 Chas. II. [1677], being desirous of obtaining a new lease and being too old and infirm to travel to Oxford himself, employed *Bernard Turney*, of Cublington, co. Bucks., esq., to act for him, who, however, gave up the lease and then reported that the Dean and Chapter would not renew. He desires *Turney* may be summoned to answer what authority complainant gave him and how he carried out his instructions.

21 Nov. 1678. Answer of *Bernard Turney*, esq., concerning the lease, etc., justifying himself and setting out the reasons of the Dean and Chapter—no genealogical details (Chanc. Proc. before 1714, C.8, Mitford 240/8).

PYOTT v. DEAN OF OXFORD

31 Oct. 1678. Complaint by *John Pyott*, of Tring, co. Herts., esq., that the College of Our Lady St. Mary the Virgin and All Saints of Fotheringhay, co. Northants., before its dissolution was seised in fee of the manor, rectory, etc., of Tring, and by their deed of 5 Aug. (no year given) demised to *Thomas Skipwith*, of St. Albon's, co. Heref. [*sic*], esq., their whole parsonage of Tring for a term of 30 years, determinable every 10 years, at a yearly rental of £66-13-4. After the dissolution the same came to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral of Christchurch, Oxford, who, by their indenture of 28 Feb., 1 and 2 Philip and Mary [1554/5], ratified the lease to the said *Skipwith* for 60 years from the end of the said 30, and by their indenture of 18 Sept., 10 Eliz. [1568], demised the farm of Christ's College, Oxford, to *William Palmer*, auditor, and also of Wigginton parsonage, co. Herts., as soon as *Skipwith's* term ended, for 50 years at a yearly rental of £74-8-4. In Aug. 1676 complainant by several assignments became lawfully possessed of the said manor, rectory and tithes for the residue of the said 50 years ; being desirous to obtain a new lease, and unable himself to travel to Oxford, he employed *Bernard Turney*, of Cublington, co. Bucks., esq., who obtained a new lease from 23 Aug., 29 Chas. II. [1677], of the parsonage

of Tring and the perquisites, and the parsonage of Longmarston, co. Herts., and perquisites, for 21 years, and the rent from £74-8-4 was advanced to £300 ; so that complainant refused to sign the same and *Turney* has commenced an action for his charges and the Dean and Chapter for their rent.

17 Jan., 30 Chas. II. [1678/9]. Answer of Dean and Chapter of Christchurch, Oxford, taken at Oxford—concerns lease of parsonage, etc., and contains no genealogical details (Chanc. Proc. before 1714, C.8, Mitford 266/27).

PYOTT v. DARRELL

25 Oct. 1682. Complaint by *John Pyott*, of Westham, co. Essex, esq., that his sister *Anne*, now wife of *Edward Darrell*, of London, stationer, and heretofore widow of *William Wrigglesworth*, whilst such widow was seised of a copyhold estate of inheritance in Wiggington, in the manor of Tring, co. Herts., and desiring to sell it, their father, *John Pyott*, esq., bought it in the name of their mother, *Anne Pyott*, for £40, and *Ann Wrigglesworth* gave him a receipt dated 8 June 1673. The said land ought to be complainant's, as eldest son and heir to his father, but *Anne* obtained letters of admon. after their father's death (their mother also being dead), and refused to give up the land.

18 Dec., 34 Chas. II. [1682]. Answer of *Edward Darrell* and *Anne* his wife, taken at Tring, co. Herts., that they married in lifetime of *Anne's* father and mother, and after deaths of same intestate *Anne*, at the express desire of complainant, took out letters of admon. Their father desired she should have the use of the premises after their mother's decease (Chanc. Proc. before 1714, C.5, Bridges 542/108).

PYOTT v. LAWSON

9 Oct. 1719. Depositions taken at the house of *Thomas Statham*, called the Three Crowns, in Lichfield, of wits. in the suit of *Dorothy Pyott*, wife of *John Pyott*, by *John Wightwick*, her next friend, complainant, and *Joseph Lawson*, esq., defendant.

William Robinson, of New Inn, co. M'sex, gent., aged 35, deposes he has known complainant 8 years and defendant 3 years. He says that in Michaelmas Term, 1712, the said *John Pyott* came to him and asked him to accompany him to his (*Pyott's*) lodging in Warwick Court, Holborn, where he and his wife lodged, in order to take her instructions for a fine to be levied on her own estate in Yorkshire, which was accordingly done, with the object of giving the said *John Pyott* a life interest in same, with remainder to such person as *Dorothy* should appoint. In the said deed *John Pyott* was described as of Streethay, co. Staffs., gent., and *Dorothy* his wife as one of the daus. and coheirs of *Ralph Fretwell*, decd., late of Hellaby, co. York, gent., and the same was made with *John Wightwick*, of Farewell, co. Staffs., gent., 20 Nov. 1712. Continues *re fine* (Chanc. Proc., 1714-58, C.II, 1331/17).

PYOTT v. LAWSON

19 Oct. 1725. Answer of *John Pyott*, plaintiff, in his suit against *Joseph Lawson*, and in that of *Joseph v. him*, in his examination taken at Lichfield, pursuant to an order made 24 May, 9 Geo. I. [1723]. The said *John Pyott* says that about 1707, being a student in the Temple, he contracted a debt of £100 with *John Wood*, a tailor, and although then a minor was drawn in to give a note for clothes and for money lent, and *Wood* assigned the said note to the said *Lawson*; *Pyott* promised to pay it but, money being short with him before he left town, he did not. Shortly after his return to the country a writ was sent to *Mr. Henry Rathbone*, attorney at law in Lichfield, to be delivered to *Pyott*, who through fear of arrest and menaces was drawn to give a mortgage to *Rathbone* in trust for *Lawson*. These were all the dealings he had with *Lawson*, until he, *Pyott*, married on 11 Aug. 1712, and he never borrowed money of *Lawson*, nor any other in his name.

In Oct. 1712 *Wood* claimed £128 of him and said he had lost the notes, and begged *Pyott* to give him fresh notes—continues *re* money; no other details of interest (Chanc. Proc., 1714-58, C.11, 1349/21).

PYOTT v. LAWSON

7 Apl. 1726. Depositions taken in Rotheram, co. Yorks.

Ralph Purslove, of Bromley, co. Yorks., gent., aged 53, deposes he has known *Mr. John Pyott* many years, and *Mr. Joseph Lawson* since he had possession of *Mr. Pyott's* moiety of the estate hitherto *Mr. Ralph Fretwell's* at Hellaby, Maltby and Rawnworth, co. Yorks., about Sept. 1717. In that year he received *Lawson's* ejectment notice from a farm at Hellaby he rented of *Pyott*; which estate *Pyott* had by his marriage with *Dorothea*, one of the daus. and coheirs of the said *Ralph Fretwell*. *Mr. Pyott* told him then that his tailor in London, and others, had cheated him out of £500.

Robert Allobie, of Rotheram, gent., aged 30, deposes that on 29 Mch. last he went to plaintiff's house at Streethay, near Lichfield, and delivered the notice of execution of this commission and a subpoena for costs, etc.

John Johnson, of Maltby, husbandman, aged 50, deposes as *Purslove*, and says he rented a cottage on the said *Fretwell* estate, and continues *re* payments of his rent.

Martin Herring, of Maltby, aged 80, deposes as last.

Others depose in like manner (Chanc. Proc., 1714-58, C.11, 1349/23).

PYOTT v. PYOTT

14 Apl. 1729. Complaint by *Richard Pyott*, of St. James, Westminster, co. M'sex, esq., and *Ann Pyott*, of Streethay, co. Staffs., spinster, exors. of the will of *Richard Pyott*, late of Streethay, esq., their late father, that said father was

seised of copyhold messuages and lands in Longdon Manor, Staffs., and about 8 Oct. 1724 surrendered same to the use of his said son *Richard*, and he was also seised of other lands, etc., in Whittington, Streethay, and Alrewas, co. Staffs., and in Lichfield. He made his will 23 Sept. 1728, desiring to be burd. in par. church of St. Michael, Lichfield, in the vault with his wife, and bequeathing the capital mansion in Streethay to his son *John*, and all other lands, etc., to his exors., devising £800 to the children of his dau. *Walsh*, according to a deed formerly made and now in the hands of their uncle, *Edward Walsh*, esq.; the residue of the money to his younger children, *Ann*, *Mary*, *Blanch*, *Charlotte* and *Charles*; to his dau., *Carolina Mallett*, £5, she having already had her fortune; and to his son, *Lt. Col. Richard Pyott*, 5^s/- only, he having already had £500 to buy a commission; furniture, plate, etc., to his granddau., *Jane Walsh*, and his dau. *Ann*; and appointed exors. the said *Lt. Col. Richard Pyott* and *Ann Pyott*. He died 1 Dec. 1728, and complainants are entitled to all lands, etc., except a piece called Long Meadow, settled on *John*, testator's eldest son, in tail male.

But now the said *John*, as eldest son, claims to be heir, denying such a will was made, and they desire he may be summoned to answer the premises (Chanc. Proc., 1714-58, C.11, 1203/20).

PYOTT v. ROBERTSON

3 May 1732. Complaint by *Charles Pyott*, of Canterbury, esq., and *Ann* his wife, dau. (etc., as in 1579/23, see *post*, p. 173-4). that on 7 and 12 Apl. 1698 indentures of lease and release were made between *Sir Richard Sandys*, of 1st. part, *Dame Priscilla Rolle*, widow, and her dau., *Mary Rolle* (afterwards *Dame Mary Sandys*), of 2nd. part, *Sir John Hubbard*, bart., and *Denzill Onslow*, esq., of 3rd. part, and *Sir Bazill Dixwell*, of Broom, par. of Barham, co. Kent, bart., and *Thomas Turner*, of 4th. part, made on the marriage of *Sir Richard Sandys* and the said *Mary Rolle*, settling the capital messuage of Northbourne, and lands there, in co. Kent, belonging to *Sir Richard Sandys*, on him and his wife for life, and in default of male issue on *Hubbard* and *Onslow* in trust to the use of *Sir Richard's* heirs, and to provide portions for such daus. as they might have.

Dame Mary died in her husband's lifetime, without male issue, leaving 5 daus. :— *Priscilla*, married to *Henry Sandys* and since decd.; *Mary*, married to *William Roberts*, of Harbledown, co. Kent, esq., and since decd.; *Elizabeth Sandys*; *Catherine Sandys*; and the said *Anne*, complainant. *Catherine* died soon after her mother, under the age of 21 and unmard.

Sir Richard Sandys made his will 7 Jan. 1722/3, bequeathing to his then wife, *Dame Susanna Catherine Sandys*, £250 a year for life; he appointed *Sir William Boys*, of Canterbury, knt., and *William Roberts* afsd., exors., they to raise £6000 for his four surviving daus. *Dame Catherine* lately died intestate, and *Susanna Elizabeth Robertson*, wife of *Captain George Robertson*, took out letters of admon.; they continue *re* legacy due to *Ann Pyott*, etc.

10 Mch. 1732/3. Answer of *George Robertson* and *Susannah Elizabeth* his wife. They state that *Dame Susannah Catherine Sandys*, widow of *Sir Richard*, died 16 June 1731, intestate, and *Susanna Elizabeth Robertson* took out letters of admon. They have heard that long after the said *Mary Sandys'* death *Sir Richard* married *Dame Susannah Catherine* as his third wife. *Sir Richard* died 5 May 1726, leaving daus. as stated in the bill, and no issue by the said *Dame Susannah Catherine*. They know nothing as to dower being assigned to *Dame Susannah Catherine* out of *Sir Richard's* real estate (Chanc. Proc., 1714-58, C.11, 1783/13).

PYOTT v. PYOTT

12 Jan. 1735/6. Complaint by *Richard Pyott*, esq. (second son of *Richard Pyott*, late of Streethay, co. Staffs., esq., decd.), and *Anne Pyott*, of the Close, Lichfield, spinster, exors. of said *Richard*, who was seised of copyhold and customary lands, etc., in Streethay, etc., in the manor of Longdon, co. Staffs., that at the manor court held 8 Oct. 1724 the said *Richard Pyott*, their father, surrendered the same to the uses of his will. He was also seised in fee of freehold messuages and lands in Streethay, Whittington and Alrewas. He made his will 23 Sept. 1728, bequeathing his mansion house, Streethay Hall, wherein he then dwelt, to his son, *John Pyott*, in tail, in like manner as other lands are settled on him by Chancery, and to his, the testator's, exors., all other lands, etc., in Streethay, Whittington and Alrewas, to sell same to pay his debts and provide portions for his younger children, *Ann*, *Mary*, *Blanche*, *Charlotte* and *Charles*; *Ann Pyott* to have £100 more than the others; to his dau., *Carolina Mallet*, £5, she having already had her portion; to his son, *Lt. Col. Richard Pyott*, 5^s/-, he already having had £500 to buy a commission; to St. Michael's par., Lichfield, £5; to his granddaus., *Jane Walsh* a cabinet, and *Edith Walsh* silver candlesticks; and appointing his children, *Lt. Col. Richard Pyott* and *Ann Pyott*, exors. This is now disputed by *Richard Pyott*, now of Streethay, esq., son and heir of *John Pyott*, and grandson and heir of the testator, and it is prayed he may be caused to appear to answer the same (Chanc. Proc., 1714-58, C.11, 1880/24).

PYOTT v. ROBERTS

24 Mch. 1735/6. Complaint by *Charles Pyott*, of Canterbury, esq., and *Anne* his wife, one of the daus. and coheirs of *Sir Richard Sandys*, late of Northborn Court, co. Kent, bart., decd., that in Easter Term 1732 they exhibited their bill in this court against *Sir Basil Dixwell*, bart., *Sir William Boys*, knt., *William Roberts*, esq., since decd., *William*, *Elizabeth* and *Joseph Roberts*, his children, infants, *Henry Sandys*, sen., esq., and his children, *Richard* and *Henry Sandys*, and *George Robertson* and *Susanna Elizabeth* his wife. Before further proceedings could be taken, *William Roberts*, the elder, died on 26 Jan. last, having made his will and appointed *Rogers Holland*, of Chippenham, co. Wilts., esq., and *Mary Roberts*, spinster, (dau. of said *William*), aged 19, his exors.

Holland renounced probate, and *Mary Roberts* proved the will in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. They desire the said *Mary* may be put in this cause in the place of the said decd.

William Roberts, an infant, makes answer that *Sir Richard Sandys, bart.*'s, first wife was *Mary Rolle*, one of the daus. of *Dame Priscilla Rolle*, and the lands, etc. (not specified), were settled on her. She died, without male issue, leaving five daus., *Priscilla, Mary, Elizabeth, Katherine* and *Anne*. *Katherine* died in her father's lifetime, under 21 years of age, unmard.; *Priscilla* married *Henry Sandys*; *Mary*, married *William Roberts, esq.*; *Elizabeth* also died; and *Anne* has since married *Charles Pyott*. A short time after her father's death, *Priscilla* died, leaving issue *Richard* and *Mary Sandys*. *Mary Roberts* also died, leaving issue the said *William* and *Elizabeth Mary Roberts*, and *Joseph Roberts* since dead. Continues *re Sandys* estate; nothing further *re Pyott* (Chanc. Proc., C.12, 1495/39).

PYOTT v. ROBERTS

17 Jan. 1736/7. Depositions taken at the house of *Sarah Rolle*, spinster, in Lockerley, co. Hants., in the cause of *Charles Pyott, esq.*, and his wife *v. Elizabeth Mary Roberts* and others.

Elizabeth, wife of *John Collince*, of Lockerley, co. Hants., yeoman, aged 40, says she knows all the parties except *Ann*, wife of *Charles Pyott*. Testifies to writing of *Sarah Rolle* and *Elizabeth Collince* in the deed named. She made no answer to the interrogatory as to the entry in the register of St. Bartholomew's the Great, London, of the marriage of the complainants there (Chanc. Proc., C.12, 1501/8).

(the same)

18 Apl. 1738. Depositions taken at *John Robinson's* house, the Sign of the Fountain, Canterbury.

Thomas Teddeman, of Harbledown, co. Kent, esq., *re Sir Richard Sandys'* will (1509/17).

PYOTT v. ROLLE

21 Apl. 1738. Complaint by *Charles Pyott*, of Canterbury, esq., and *Ann* his wife, and *Henrietta Winchcomb*, of St. James, Westminster, spinster, the two latter being extrices. of the will of *Sarah Rolle*, late of Lockerley, co. Hants., spinster, decd.

Concerning the division of said *Sarah Rolle's* estate, in which *Charles* and *Ann* are entitled to a third part. *Priscilla Rolle*, one of the heirs, has refused to join in the partition, and they desire she may be summoned to answer same.

Answers *re same*—nothing further *re Pyott* (Chanc. Proc., C.12, 1506/36).

PYOTT v. GRENVILLE

8 Aug. 1739. Complaint by *Richard Pyott*, of Gray's Inn, co. M'sex, esq., grandson and heir of *Richard Pyott*, of Streethea, co. Staffs., esq., decd., and

Fettiplace Nott, of Marston, co. Warw., esq., Sergeant at Law, decd., that *Edward Grenville*, of Foscot, co. Bucks., esq., was seised of the manor house, lands, advowson, etc., of Foscot, and by indenture of 27 Nov. 1652 settled the same on himself and his wife *Audrey*, on his son, *Edward Grenville*, with remainders. *Edward* and *Audrey* died, and shortly after *Edward Grenville*, the son, died, without issue, and his bror. *George* entered on the estate and never married, and made his will 10 June 1693, bequeathing his estate to his sister, *Frances Raleigh*, and her heirs, and appointed her extrix., and she proved the will. Afterwards her husband died, and in 1698 she sold her estate to *Fettiplace Nott*, father of complainant, who in March 1707 sold the same to *Richard Pyott*, grandfather of the other complainant. The said *Richard Pyott*, the grandfather, died in 1732 [sc. 1728], leaving the complainant his heir-at-law. *Richard Grenville*, the younger, now claims the said estate.

27 Apl. 1741. Answer of *Richard Grenville*, esq.; *re Grenvilles*, nothing further *re Pyott* (Chanc. Proc. 1714-58, C.12, 1185/18).

PYOTT v. HALLS

15 Jan. 1739/40. Complaint by *Robert Pyott*, of Layer de la Hay, co. Essex, esq.,* that *Thomas Halls*, of Colchester, gent., in 1729 having occasion to borrow £100, complainant lent it him on his bond on 9 Nov. 1729; the same has not been paid, and *Halls*, combining with his wife *Esther* and *Jeremiah Daniells*, of Colchester, gent., and others, attempts to defraud complainant of his money (Chanc. Proc., 1714-58, C.11, 1890/28).

PYOTT v. EDWIN

4 Dec. 1742. Complaint by *Charles Pyott*, of Canterbury, co. Kent, esq., and *Ann* his wife, and *Ann Pyott* their only child, an infant, that by indenture of 2 Jan. 1730/31, made between the said *Ann*, then *Ann Sandys*, of St. George the Martyr, M'sex, spinster, one of the three surviving daus. of *Sir Richard Sandys*, late of Northborn Court, co. Kent, bart., decd., by *Dame Mary* his wife, decd., one of the daus. and coheirs of *Dame Priscilla Rolle*, widow of *Sir Francis Rolle*, of Tidderley, co. Hants., bart., decd., of the 1st. part, the said *Charles Pyott*, one of the younger sons of *Richard Pyott*, of Streethay, co. Staffs., esq., decd. of the 2nd. part, and *Thomas Edwin*, of Westminster, esq., decd., and the Rev. *Charles Vernon*, Rector of St. Paul's, Shadwell, co. M'sex, clerk, decd., of the 3rd. part, that the said *Ann* was entitled under her father's marriage settlement to £2000, and by her grandmother *Dame Priscilla Rolle's* will to an 18th. part of the unsold remainder of Chedsey Manor, co. Som., or if sold to an

* This Robert Pyott does not occur in my pedigree. Robert Pyott, of Layer de la Hay, died Feb. 1733/4, leaving no issue (see *post*, p. 178), and the whole residue of his estate to Robert, son of Robert Simons, his "servant," who was probably a cousin (see *ante*, p. 160). Perhaps Robert Simons changed his name to Pyott.

18th. part of the money accruing by such sale, and to further money under her grandmother's will, and under her father's will to a 3rd. part of his manors and lands in cos. Kent and York, and other items, and it was agreed on the marriage between the said *Charles* and *Ann* that her said inheritance should be settled on her, and she assigned the same to the said *Thomas Edwin* and *Charles Vernon* to pay the same to her and her children. The said marriage took place soon after the date of the said indenture, and shortly after *Charles Vernon* died, and afterwards, on 20 May 1735, *Thomas Edwin* died intestate, and admon. of his estate was granted to *Charles Edwin*, of St. George, Hanover Square, Westminster, co. M'sex, esq., and the said trust was therefore vested in him.

Complainants have issue only one child, the said *Anne Pyott*, now aged 12 ; there are several sums due to *Ann*, the mother, and *Charles Edwin's* answer is desired thereunto.

15 Dec. 1742. Answer of *Charles Edwin*, esq., agreeing with all set forth and desiring to be discharged from the management of the trust estate, which he is willing to assign over to whoever shall be appointed (Chanc. Proc., 1714-58, C.11, 1579-23).

PYOT v. JOHNSON

19 Jan. 1748/9. Complaint by *Pyarea Pyot*, of (blank), co. Derby, widow and extrix. of *Richard Pyott*, of Highfield, par. of Chesterfield, co. Derby, esq., and by *Edward Wilmot*, of Duffield, co. Derby, esq., both devisees in will of said *Richard*, that said *Richard* was seised of an estate of inheritance in cos. Derby and Stafford, and about 11 May 1747 he made his will bequeathing to her his estates at Highfield afsd., and at Streethay, co. Staffs., and in Litchfield, for life, with remainder to *Edward Wilmot* afsd., and the estate in London, co. M'sex, and estate bequeathed to him by *Mrs. Winteringham's* will, to *Richard Milnes*, of Aldercarr, co. Derby, esq., and *John Eardly Wilmot*, of Osmaston, co. Derby, esq., to sell same. The said *Richard Pyott* died 14 July 1747, leaving *Dorothea*, wife of *Peter Johnson*, the younger, of York, esq., his only sister and heir-at-law, who now insist that they are entitled to all the real estate of the said *Richard Pyott*.

27 Apl. 1749. Answers of *Peter Johnson*, the younger, esq., and *Dorothea* his wife, that they are ignorant of any will made by *Richard Pyott* and claim the real estate as his heir-at-law (Chanc. Proc. 1714-58, C.12, 1211/11).

PYOTT v. HINCKLEY

10 Feb. 1748/9. Complaint by *Charles Pyott*, of St. Martin, co. Kent, esq., that *Jane Winteringham*, of Westham, co. Essex, widow, decd., was seised in fee, as heir in descent of her mother, of a moiety of divers messuages and lands in cos. Essex and M'sex, and city of London, to the value of £200 a year, and made her will on 29 Dec. 1739, bequeathing her real and personal estate to

Mathew Kenrick, of Middle Temple, esq., and *James Hall*, the younger, of Stratford, Essex, apothecary, in trust for her dau., *Martha Winteringham*, then under age; in the event of *Martha* dying under age or before marriage the same to go to her nearest relative of the name of *Pyott*.

Jane Winteringham died 18 Mch. 1739/40, and the exors. named renounced exorship. on the ground that the personal estate was insufficient to pay the debts, and admon. was granted to *Elizabeth Dod*, widow, and *Thomas Winteringham*; afterwards, in July 1746, *Martha* died, aged about 16, and unmard., and complainant was *Jane's* nearest relative of the name of *Pyott*, but she being ignorant of the said will till lately, *Richard Pyott*, late of Highfield, par. of Chesterfield, co. Derby, esq., decd., son and heir of complainant's eldest bror., represented himself to be the nearest relative and the premises were conveyed to him.

On 11 May 1747 the said *Richard* made his will, devising the premises to *Richard Milnes*, of Aldercarr, co. Derby, esq., and *John Eardley Wilmot*, of Osmaston, co. Derby, esq., to sell the same to discharge mortgages affecting his estate at Streethay, co. Staffs., and at Lichfield, which estate he devised to his wife, *Pyarea Pyott*, and *Edward Wilmot*. He claims to be nearest relative and says that their common ancestor, *Richard Pyott*, who died on 19 Jan. 1619/20, had two sons, *Richard* and *John*. *Richard*, the eldest son, had a son *John*, who had a son *Richard*, who had three sons, *John*, *Richard* and complainant, and two daus., *Anne*, who married about six years ago *Mr. Lewis Righton*, of Haverford West, co. Pembroke, and *Blanch*, who in 1746 married *Mr. Thomas Hinckley*, since decd. Complainant's eldest bror., *John*, died in 1729, leaving issue the said *Richard*, who died in July 1747, without issue, and a dau., who married *Peter Johnson*, the younger, of York, esq. Complainant's second bror., *Richard*, died in 1738, leaving one child, *Robert*, still living. *John Pyott*, youngest son of *Richard*, the common ancestor, left a son *John*, who had issue *John* and *Robert*, and three daus., *Anne*, *Jane* and *Susan*, all dying without issue except *Anne*, who married *John Gubbs* and had one child, *Jane*, the testatrix, who married *Henry Winteringham*, esq., survived him, and died a widow in 1739, leaving the said *Martha*, and *Susan*, who married *Mr. Cockram*, and had issue, *Sigismund Cockram*, who died without issue. Desires *Pyarea Pyott*, *Edward Wilmot*, *Richard Milnes*, *John Eardley Wilmot*, *Lewis Righton*, *Anne* his wife, and *Blanch Hinckley*, may be caused to appear to answer the premises and shew what claim they had to the same.

27 Feb. 1748/9. Answer by *Blanch Hinckley* that she and her sister, at the time of *Jane's* making her will, were named *Pyott*, as she did not marry *Thomas Hinckley*, of Lichfield, gent., until July 1746, he dying 9 Mch. 1747/8.

17 Feb. 1748/9. Answer of *Pyarea Pyott*, that she is in possession of the estate in right of her late husband, and will continue to hold same, unless the Court rules otherwise (Chanc. Proc., 1714-58, C.11, 1098/24).

PYOTT and WILMOT *v.* JOHNSON

17 Oct. 1749. Depositions taken at the house of *William Blundel*, known as the Falcon, in Chesterfield, co. Derby, in a cause between *Pyarea Pyott*, widow, and *Edward Wilmot*, esq., complainants, and *Peter Johnson*, the younger, and *Dorothea* his wife, defendants.

Nathaniel Milnes, of Sheffield, co. York, gent., aged 19 (*sic*), said he knew the parties and also *Pyarea's* husband, *Richard Pyott*, late of Highfield, Chesterfield, co. Derby, esq., who died in July 1747, and knew him 8 years before his death, and he was witness to *Richard's* will, made 11 or 12 May 1747. He lived in the same house with *Richard* for 8 years, and was serving him as clerk at the time of his death, and he wrote the will at *Richard's* dictation.

Elizabeth Lund, of Highfield, spinster, aged 26, says she was witness to the said will, and saw *Richard* sign same.

Adam Slater, of Chesterfield, apothecary, aged 51, says he was a witness to said will, which is as stated by complainants (Chanc. Proc., 1714-58, C.12, 1225/4).

NARRATIVE PEDIGREE

HENRY PYOTT, of Hound's Cheadle, in the par. of Cheadle, and of Booths, in the par. of Kingsley, both in co. Staffs., gent., mard. and had issue,

THOMAS PYOTT, of Cheadle, co. Staffs., who mard. and had issue,

I. RICHARD PYOTT, *of whom presently.*

II. William Pyott, citizen and grocer of London ; died Aug. 1626 ; burd. at St. Lawrence Jewry. Will dated 11 Aug. 1626, proved 22 Aug. 1626, in P.C.C. Mard. Ann, dau. of Dickyn, of Stone, co. Staffs., and sister of Christopher Dickyn ; born at Stone ; burd. at St. Lawrence Jewry. By her, whose will, dated 9 Oct. 1632, was proved 5 Mch. 1632/3, in P.C.C., he had issue,

1. Richard Pyott, grocer, living 2 Sept. 1619 and 25 Mch. 1643. Mard. Elizabeth, living 9 Oct. 1632, and had issue,

William Pyott, living 11 Aug. 1626 ; under 21, 9 Oct. 1632.

Ann Pyott, living 9 Oct. 1632, under 21.

Susan Pyott, living 9 Oct. 1632, under 21.

Two other sons, under 21 on 9 Oct. 1632.

1. Jane Pyott, living 11 Aug. 1626, as wife of Samuel Davys, citizen and grocer (? or girdler) of London. He was living 9 Oct. 1632, and by her, who was living 25 Mch. 1643, had issue,

William Davys, living 11 Aug. 1626.

Richard Davys, living 9 Oct. 1632, under 21.

2. Mary Pyott, living 11 Aug. 1626, as wife of Francis Manning, goldsmith (son of Hugh Manning, of Fooks Cray, co. Kent, by Anne his wife, dau. of John Gellibrand), and by him, who was living 9 Oct. 1632, had issue,
 - Samuel Manning, eldest son, living 11 Aug. 1626.
 - Mary Manning, living 9 Oct. 1632, under 21.
 - James Manning, youngest son.

I. Elizabeth Pyott, shewn in Shaw's pedigree as wife of Floyer.

RICHARD PYOTT, *elder son of Thomas Pyott preceding*; citizen and grocer of London; lived in St. Lawrence Lane, Cheap ward; Alderman, 1619; Sheriff in 1610-11; purchased the estate of Streethay, in par. of St. Michael's, Lichfield. Born at Cheadle; died 19 Jan. 1619/20; burd. at St. Lawrence Jewry. Will dated 2 Sept. 1619, proved 31 Jan. 1619/20, in P.C.C. *Mard.* Margery, dau. of Richard Floyer, of Uttoxeter, co. Staffs., at Lichfield, on 19 Dec. 1583; she was living a widow at Low Leyton, co. Essex, 18 Oct. 1620, and died 28 Feb. 1624/5, being burd. at St. Lawrence Jewry. By her, whose will, dated 31 Dec. 1623, was proved 9 Mch. 1624/5, in P.C.C., Richard Pyott had issue,

- I. RICHARD PYOTT, *of whom presently.*
- II. John Pyott, born Apl. 1595; entered Merchant Taylors' School, Oct. 1610; died young.
- III. Thomas Pyott, born 27 Dec. 1595 (?); died Jan. 1597; burd. at Edmonton.
- IV. William Pyott, of Bethnal Green, par. of Stepney, co. M'ssex, esq.; born 27 Oct. 1597; entered Merchant Taylors' School, Oct. 1610; matric. Fellow-Commoner from Jesus Coll., Camb., Easter, 1616; B.A. 1618/19; M.A. 1622; inherited lands at Bethnal Green from his father; died without issue; burd. with parents at St. Lawrence Jewry, London. Will dated 25 Mch. 1643, proved 29 Jan. 1643/4, at Oxford, and 23 May 1645, in P.C.C. *Mard.* Jane, dau. of Weldon, of London, before 31 Dec. 1623. She *mard.* 2ndly., before 8 May 1648, John Christmas, of Birch Hall, co. Essex, esq.
- V. John Pyott, of Low Leyton, co. Essex (where he inherited lands from his father), and later of Tring, co. Herts., esq.; born Apl. 1599; bapt. 12 Feb. 1598 (?); entered Merchant Taylors' School, 1615; High Sheriff of Essex, 1646; living 31 Oct. 1678. Died at Tring; admon. granted 9 Dec. 1681, and 12 June 1682, in P.C.C. *Mard.* 1st., on 26 Apl. 1628, Margery, dau. of Robert Simons, of Whittlesford, co. Camb., by Margery, his second wife, dau. of Thomas Wendy, of Haslingfield, co. Camb., and by her, who was dead 25 May 1642, had issue,
 1. William Pyott, born 9 Dec. 1630; dead in 1634.
 2. Robert Pyott, aged about 3 in 1634.

3. John Pyott, of Gubbins, co. Herts., and later of West Ham, co. Essex, gent.; born 25 Feb. 1634/5; died 1689. Will dated 4 May 1689, proved 31 July 1689, in P.C.C. Mard. Jane, dau. of Sir Robert Smyth, 2nd. bart., by Jane his wife, eldest dau. of John Trafford, esq., of Dunton Hall, co. Lincs., and of Low Leyton, co. Essex, and had issue by her,
 - (1) John Pyott, eldest son, born 10 Mch. 1684, twin with Robert; living 4 May 1689; died without issue.
 - (2) Robert Pyott, born 10 Mch. 1684, twin with John; of Layer de la Hay, co. Essex, esq.; died Feb. 1733/4, without issue. Will dated 1 Feb. 1733/4, proved 15 Feb. 1733/4, in P.C.C.
 - (1) Anne Pyott, born 9 Nov. 1678; mard. John Gubbs, and had issue, a dau.,

Jane Gubbs, mard. Henry Winteringham, esq., who died before 1739, leaving by her, who made a will on 29 Dec. 1739, as of West Ham, co. Essex, and died 18 Mch. 1739/40, two daus.,

Martha Winteringham, died July 1746, aged about 16, and unmard.

Susan Winteringham, mard. Cockram, and had issue a son,

Sigismund Cockram, died without issue before 10 Feb. 1748/9.
- (2) Jane Pyott, born 10 Feb. 1679; living 4 May 1689; died without issue.
- (3) Susanna Pyott, born 27 Dec. 1681; living 4 May 1689; died without issue.
1. Philippa Pyott, born 5 Jan. 1633; died young.
2. Anne Pyott, born 31 Oct. 1634; ? died young.

John Pyott mard. 2nd., on 26 May 1642 (by licence of 25 May 1642, for St. Botolph's, Aldersgate), Anne, eldest dau. of Sir William Rowe, of Higham Hill, par. of Walthamstow, co. Essex, knt.; she died in par. of St. Vedast, Foster Lane, London, and was burd. 16 June 1682, at Walthamstow. By her, admon. of whose estate was granted 22 July 1682, in P.C.C., John Pyott had further issue,

3. Anne Pyott, born about 1647; mard. 1st., by licence dated 22 Nov. 1665, to William Wrigglesworth, of Walthamstow, co. Essex, esq., who was born about 1639. She mard. 2nd., by licence dated 12 Feb. 1676/7 (for Tring), Edward Darell, of Paternoster Row, London, and of Putney, co. Surrey, citizen and stationer, son of Marmaduke Darell, of Horkstow, co. Lincs., esq.; born about 1652, admitted to Alford Grammar School in 1664, died 16 Feb. 1719/20, and burd. at Putney; will dated 15 Oct. 1718, and

10 June 1719, proved 27 Feb. 1719/20, in P.C.C. By Edward Darell (who was mard. again in 1688 to Elizabeth Briscoe, by whom he had further issue) Anne Pyott (who was living 22 July 1682) had issue,

Marmaduke Darell, of Madras, India. Admon. granted 9 June 1710, in P.C.C.

Edward Darell, of Bengal, India.

Anne Darell, died of rickets, in Paternoster Row; burd. 15 Oct. 1682, at St. Michael le Querne, London.

- I. Anne Pyott, bapt. 27 Feb. 1586; mard. (as his second wife) Humphrey Robinson, of London, merchant, and of Thicket, par. of Wheldrake, co. York, esq., fifth and youngest son of John Robinson, merchant of the staple and Alderman of London. He died Sept. 1626, at Wheldrake, and his will, dated 5 Oct. 1626 (?), was proved 3 Mch. 1626/7, at York. By Anne Pyott his wife, who was burd. 30 Sept. 1636 at Wheldrake, he had issue,
 1. Richard Robinson, of Thicket, par. of Wheldrake, co. York, esq., J.P.; aged 52 on 9 Sept. 1665. He mard. Elizabeth, dau. of John Bradley, of Louth, co. Lincs., and had issue.
 2. Humphrey Robinson, under 21 on 31 Dec. 1623, and on 25 Mch. 1643; died without issue.
1. Elizabeth Robinson, unmard. and under 21 on 2 Sept. 1619, and on 31 Dec. 1623. Mard. 1st. William Brearey, Alderman of York, and 2nd. Peter Bradley, of Louth, co. Lincs.
2. Anne Robinson, under 21 on 2 Sept. 1619, and on 31 Dec., 1623; died unmard.; burd. 3 Jan. 1688/9, at Wheldrake.
- II. Elizabeth Pyott, bapt. 12 Mch. 1586; mard. before 1609 to Sir Robert Ducie, eldest surviving son of Henry Ducie, merchant of London, and of Little Aston, co. Staffs., by Mary his wife, dau. and heir of Robert Hardy, of London. Sir Robert, who was bapt. 29 May 1575, at St. Lawrence Jewry, London, and died 12 July 1634 (in which year his will was proved), was burd. at St. Lawrence Jewry. He was Sheriff of London 1620-21, Alderman from 1620 to death, Lord Mayor 1630-31, and created a bart. on 28 May 1629. By Elizabeth Pyott his wife, who was burd. 9 Feb. 1635/6, at St. Lawrence Jewry, he had issue,
 1. Sir Richard Ducie, 2nd. bart., of Tortworth, co. Glouc.; born about 1609; Sheriff of co. Glouc., 1636-7; died unmard. 7 Mch. 1656/7; burd. at Tortworth.
 2. Sir William Ducie, 3rd. bart. of Tortworth; K.B. 1661; created Viscount Downe, 1675. Mard. 1662 Frances, dau. and coheir of Francis, 1st. Baron Seymour of Trowbridge, who was bapt. 27 Apl. 1623, at Great Bedwyn, co. Wilts., and burd. there 20 Sept. 1699, leaving no issue by Sir William Ducie, who died 6 Sept. 1679, at Charlton, Kent, and was burd. at Tortworth, co. Glouc.

3. Robert Ducie, of Little Aston, co. Staffs., who was under 21 on 2 Sept. 1619 and 31 Dec. 1623. *Mard.* Mary, dau. of Sir Gabriel Lowe, of Newark, par. of Ozleworth, co. Glouc., *knt.*, from which marriage descend the Earls of Ducie.
 4. Sir Hugh Ducie, of Islington, co. M'sex, K.B.; probably born after 31 Dec. 1623; died in or before Mch. 1661/2. *Mard.* Sarah, dau. of Sir Thomas Fisher, 1st. bart. of Islington, and had issue, Sir William Ducie, 4th. bart., and Sir Robert Ducie, 5th. and last bart.
 1. Anne Ducie, under 21 on 2 Sept. 1619.
 2. Mary Ducie, under 21 on 31 Dec. 1623.
- III. Margaret Pyott, born 26 Dec. 1589; unmard. 2 Sept. 1619; living 31 Dec. 1623, as wife of Edward James, Turkey merchant. Perhaps *mard.* again, and living 25 Mch. 1643, and 30 Oct. 1648, as Margaret Beauchamp.
- IV. Margery Pyott, bapt. 11 Apl. 1591; not mentioned in will of father, 2 Sept. 1619, or of mother, 31 Dec. 1623.
- V. Mary Pyott, bapt. 16 Dec. 1593; *mard.* 5 June 1620 (by licence of 20 May 1620), at Low Leyton, co. Essex, to Hugh Barker, son of Robert Barker, of Culworth, co. Northants., by Margery his wife, dau. of William Danvers. She lived latterly at Fritwell, Oxon., and was burd. by her husband in New College Chapel, Oxford; her will, dated 30 Oct. 1648, granted admon. 6 May 1654, and 18 Nov. 1668, in P.C.C. Hugh Barker, born at Culworth, was a Scholar of Winchester (Founder's Kin), 1577; *matric.* 4 Mch. 1585/6, aged 28, from New Coll., Oxford; Fellow, 1585 to 1591; B.C.L., 19 Feb. 1591/2; in 1604 Master of Free Grammar School at Chichester, where he taught Selden "grammar learning"; D.C.L., 17 June 1605; Fellow of College of Advocates from 9 June 1607, and afterwards President; Chancellor of Diocese of Oxford; Dean of the Court of Arches. He died 8 July 1632, and was burd. in New College Chapel, Oxford, where there is a monumental inscription. *Inq. P.M.*, at Oxford, 5 Sept. 1632. His will, dated 4 Jan. 1627/8, was proved 10 Oct. 1632, in P.C.C. By Mary Pyott his wife he had issue an only dau., Mary Barker, born May 1621; *mard.* 12 July 1636 (or -8), at Tottenham, co. M'sex, as his 1st. wife, to Samuel Sandys, of Ombersley, co. Worc., Cavalier Commander, M.P. for co. Worc. 1661 and 1678. She died in 1651, and was burd. at Wickhamford, co. Worc., and by him, who died 15 Apl. 1685, aged 69, and was burd. at Ombersley, had issue,
- (1) Samuel Sandys, of Ombersley, co. Worc., M.P. for Droitwich, 1660 to 1688; died 4 Aug. 1701, aged 64; burd. at Ombersley. *Mard.* Elizabeth, only dau. of Sir John Pettus, of Cheston Hall, co. Suffolk, *knt.*, who died 25 May 1714, aged 74, and was burd. at Ombersley. From them descended the Barons Sandys of Ombersley.

- (2) Edwin Sandys, matric. 29 Jan. 1661/2, aged 19, from New Coll., Oxford; Fellow, and B.C.L., 1669; died 8 Jan. 1684/5; burd. in New College Chapel. Will at Oxford, 3 Jan. 1684/5.
- (1) Mary Sandys, under 18 on 30 Oct. 1648; died unmard. 1681; burd. at Wickhamford.

VI. Sarah Pyott, bapt. 27 Sept. 1601; mard. by licence dated 18 Oct. 1620 (for Leyton, co. Essex), to Francis James, then of St. Olave's, Old Jewry, esq., only surviving son of William James [1542-1617], Bishop of Durham, by his 3rd. wife, Isabel Atkinson, of Newcastle-on-Tyne. He matric. 10 June 1618, aged 16, from Christ Church, Oxford. Of Edmon-ton, 1620; inherited bulk of father's estate, including manor of Washington, co. Durham; died before 1645. By Sarah Pyott his wife, who was living 31 Dec. 1623, he had, with perhaps further issue, a son, William James, under 21 on 31 Dec. 1623.

RICHARD PYOTT, *eldest son of Richard Pyott preceding and Margery Floyer his wife*; of Streethay, par. of St. Michael's, Lichfield, esq.; bapt. 11 Aug. 1588; admitted Fellow-Commoner at Emmanuel Coll., Camb., Oct. 1607; High Sheriff of Staffs., 1635-6; burd. 19 Oct. 1667, at St. Michael's, Lichfield. Will not traced, but admon. of goods left unadministered by son, John Pyott, the exor., granted 2 Sept. 1684, at Lichfield. Mard. 19 Oct. 1613, at Elford, co. Staffs., to Mary, dau. of Sir William Skeffington, of Fisherwick, co. Staffs., 1st. bart., by Elizabeth his wife, dau. of Richard Dering, of Surrenden Dering, par. of Pluckley, co. Kent, and sister of Sir Anthony Dering, of Surrenden Dering. By her, who was bapt. 19 Apl. 1592, at Elford, and burd. 9 Oct. 1661, at St. Michael's, Lichfield, Richard Pyott had issue (of whom four daus. were living at home with him on 30 Oct. 1648),

- I. Richard Pyott, of Whittington, co. Staffs., esq.; bapt. 6 July 1620, at St. Michael's, Lichfield; matric. 17 Feb. 1636/7, aged 16, from Trinity Coll., Oxford; student of Gray's Inn, 1639; died at Whittington, in lifetime of father; burd. 26 Feb. 1657/8, at St. Michael's, Lichfield. Mard. Barbara, 3rd. dau. of Sir Wolstan Dixie, 1st. bart. of Bosworth, co. Leic., by Barbara his wife, only dau. and heir of Sir Henry Beaumont, of Grace Dieu, co. Leic., knt. She mard. 2nd. (as his second wife) Thomas Pochin, of Barkby, co. Leic., esq. (eldest son of George Pochin, of Barkby), who was bapt. 7 Mch. 1618, and was High Sheriff of co. Leic. in 1647. She died 5 Sept. 1667, having had issue by Richard Pyott,
 - 1. Richard Pyott; died young; burd. 29 Aug. 1658, at St. Michael's, Lichfield.
 - 1. Mary Pyott.
 - 2. Barbara Pyott, mard. 1 Nov. 1694 (by licence of same date), at Barkby, co. Leic., to Rev. Hopkin Thomas, and died 21 Mch. 1713, aged 57; burd. at Barkby. He was born at Neath, co. Glamorgan; B.A. Jesus Coll., Oxford, 11 Feb. 1689/90; M.A. from Pembroke

Coll., Camb., 1694 ; Rector of Caythorpe, co. Lincs., and Vicar of Barkby from 1693 ; died 1 Feb. 1743/4, aged 76 ; burd. at Barkby.

- II. William Pyott, bapt. 15 Nov. 1627, at St. Michael's, Lichfield ; to inherit lands at Stepney, co. M'sex, from his uncle, William Pyott. A lunatic who lived with his brother-in-law, Francis Wightwick, at Dunstall, Wolverhampton, having £300 a year allowed him for maintenance, " with account to the Lord Keeper of England." Died at Dunstall, and burd. 18 Dec. 1687, at St. Michael's, Lichfield. Admon. granted 26 Jan. 1688/9, in P.C.C.

III. JOHN PYOTT, *of whom presently.*

- I. Elizabeth Pyott, bapt. 17 Sept. 1616, at St. Michael's, Lichfield ; mard. 30 July 1650, at St. Mary's, Lichfield, to Francis Wightwick, of Wightwick, par. of Tettenhall, and of Dunstall, par. of Wolverhampton, both in co. Staffs., eldest son of Alexander Wightwick, of Wightwick ; matric. 10 Oct. 1634, aged 16, from Pembroke Coll., Oxford ; barr.-at-law, of Inner Temple, 1646 ; died 1692, leaving issue by his wife, Elizabeth Pyott, who was living 26 Jan. 1688/9.
- II. Mary Pyott, bapt. 31 July 1622, at St. Michael's, Lichfield ; mard. James Wood, of Uttoxeter, co. Staffs., son of William Wood, Sheriff of London. He, who was born about 1619, and living in 1664, left issue by Mary Pyott his wife.
- III. Pyott (dau.), burd. 25 Apl. 1626, at St. Michael's, Lichfield.
- IV. Anne Pyott, mard. John Dalton, of Derby, gent., and was burd. 16 Oct. 1673, at St. Werburgh's, Derby, having had issue by him, who died 30 Aug. 1679, aged 69, and was also burd. at St. Werburgh's, an eldest son,
 1. John Dalton, burd. 1657, at St. Werburgh's, Derby.
- V. Hester Pyott, bapt. 20 Apl. 1630, at St. Michael's, Lichfield ; mard. 24 Nov. 1658, at St. Michael's, Lichfield (as his fourth wife), to James Allen, of Tamworth Street, Lichfield, merchant, J.P., son of John Allen, of Lichfield, gent., who had been Sheriff and Senior Bailiff of the city. James Allen was Junior Bailiff in 1641, and Senior Bailiff in 1648, 1658, 1663 and 1668 ; he was burd. 13 Apl. 1674, at St. Michael's, Lichfield, and his will, dated 11 Mch. 1671/2, proved 3 June 1674, in P.C.C. By his fourth wife, Hester Pyott, who was living a widow on 18 Sept. 1678, he left no issue (see *ante*, VI., 144).
- VI. Sarah Pyott, bapt. 30 July 1632, at St. Michael's, Lichfield ; mard. 23 Apl. 1656, at St. Michael's, Lichfield, to John Burnes, of Lichfield, mercer, son of an elder John Burnes, from whom he inherited the estate of Aldershaw, par. of St. Michael's, Lichfield ; he was an active Parliamentarian, and a J.P. during the Protectorate, and died in 1682. By

Sarah Pyott his wife, who was living a widow in Bird Street, Lichfield, in 1695, he had, with a daughter Elizabeth, then aged 32 and unmard., and perhaps other issue, a son,

Richard Burnes, of Sadler Street, Lichfield, gent., aged 33 in 1695 ; mard. 16 Mch. 1692/3, at St. Chad's, Lichfield, to Dorothy, dau. of Ralph Hawkes, of Newton, and by her, who was aged 22 in 1695, had issue, with a son John, who died young, and two daus. who died unmard., a son,

Richard Burnes, of Aldershaw, par. of St. Michael's, Lichfield, esq., who died about 1767, leaving issue by Anne his wife, dau. of John Leonard, of Wednesbury,

John Burnes Floyer, of Aldershaw Hall, Lichfield, who, as adopted heir of John Floyer, of Longdon, nr. Lichfield, took the additional name of Floyer.

Favoretta Burnes, born about 1746 ; mard. Trevor Jones, of Lichfield, M.D.

JOHN PYOTT, *third son of Richard Pyott preceding and Mary Skeffington his wife* ; of Streethay, co. Staffs., esq. ; bapt. 23 Dec. 1628, at St. Michael's, Lichfield ; apprenticed to a skinner, 1646 ; living 3 Nov. 1677 ; admon. granted 24 Dec. 1678, and 21 May 1685, in P.C.C. Mard. 1st. Blanche, dau. of John Wollaston, of Walsall, co. Staffs., by Blanche his wife, only dau. of John Mayne, of Elmdon, co. Warw., and had issue by her,

I. RICHARD PYOTT, *of whom presently.*

II. John Pyott, burd. 22 June 1664, at St. Michael's, Lichfield.

III. John Pyott, bapt. 14 Mch. 1666/7, at St. Michael's, Lichfield ; living 24 Dec. 1678.

IV. William Pyott, living 24 Dec. 1678, under 21 ; ? burd. 15 July 1699, at St. Michael's, Lichfield.

V. Thomas Pyott, living 24 Dec. 1678, under 21.

I. Mary Pyott, bapt. 16 Apl. 1663 and burd. 2 July 1664, at St. Michael's, Lichfield.

II. Elizabeth Pyott, bapt. 29 June 1665, at St. Michael's, Lichfield ; living 24 Dec. 1678 ; ? died unmard., and burd. 27 Jan. 1694/5, at St. Michael's, Lichfield.

John Pyott mard. 2nd. (in or after 1670) Frances, widow of Major Thomas Brudenell, of Whittington, co. Staffs., and dau. of Barkham, and by her, who was burd. 3 Jan. 1674/5, at St. Michael's, Lichfield, had further issue,

III. Mary Pyott, bapt. 7 June 1673, at St. Michael's, Lichfield ; living 24 Dec. 1678 ; ? living as Mary Pyott, spinster, aged 20, in household of her aunt, Mrs. John Burnes, in Bird Street, Lichfield, in 1695 ; ? died unmard.

at "Hampton" (Wolverhampton), and burd. 25 Aug. 1702, at St. Michael's, Lichfield.

- IV. Frances Pyott, bapt. 3 Jan. 1674/5, at St. Michael's, Lichfield ; living 24 Dec. 1678.

RICHARD PYOTT, *eldest son of John Pyott preceding and Blanche Wollaston his first wife* ; of Streethay, co. Staffs., esq. ; bapt. 6 Feb. 1661/2, at St. Michael's, Lichfield ; matric. 28 Mch. 1679, aged 17, from Pembroke Coll., Oxford ; burd. 1 Dec. 1728, in St. Michael's, Lichfield. Will dated 23 Sept. 1728, proved 10 May 1757, in P.C.C. Mard., by licence dated 14 Oct. 1680 (for Wootton, Abingdon, or Kingston Bagpuize), to Jane, dau. of Charles Knott (Nott), of St. Clement Danes, co. M'sex, gent., by Eleanor his wife, dau. of Edmund Fettiplace, of Besselsleigh and Fernham, co. Berks., and by her, who was burd. 17 Aug. 1706, at St. Michael's, Lichfield, had issue (the exact number and order of the daus. not being known),

- I. JOHN PYOTT, *of whom presently.*
- II. Richard Pyott, of Streethay, co. Staffs., esq. ; ? bapt. 12 Apl. 1692, at St. Michael's, Lichfield ; Lieut., Meredyth's Foot, 9 Mch. 1710/11 ; Lieut., Newton's Foot, 1713 ; Captain, Chudleigh's Foot, 1715 ; Major, Sankey's Foot, and Lieut. Col., Munden's Dragoons, 1720 ; Lieut. Col., 4th Life Guards, 22 Mch. 1722/3 ; Lieut. of Dublin Castle from 1734 ; A.D.C. to William, Duke of Devonshire, Lord Lieut. of Ireland, Sept. 1737 ; died Jan. (?) 1738 ; burd. 15 May 1738, at St. Michael's, Lichfield. Will dated 14 Mch. 1737/8, proved 14 Aug. 1738, in P.C.C. Mard. Mary, third dau. of Robert Burdett, of Bramcote, co. Notts., by Elizabeth his wife, only child of William, 4th. Viscount Tracy ; and granddau. of Sir Robert Burdett, 3rd. bart. of Foremark, co. Derby, by Magdalen his second wife, dau. of Sir Thomas Aston, 1st. bart., of Aston, co. Chester. She was born 1708, and mard. 2nd. Henry Delabain (said to have died without issue in 1763), dying herself in 1786 and being burd. at Doncaster. Lieut. Col. Richard Pyott had two illegitimate children, Richard Pyott and Carolina Pyott, both living on 14 Mch. 1737/8. By Mary Burdett he had issue an only son,

Robert Thomas Pyott, of St. Martin's Hill, par. of St. Martin's, Canterbury, esq. ; died 5 July 1804, aged 65 (he must have been older) ; burd. in St. Martin's, Canterbury. Will dated 28 Feb. 1789, proved 20 Aug. 1804, at Canterbury. Mard. 18 June 1760 to his first cousin Anne, sole dau. and heir of Charles Pyott, of St. Martin's, par. of St. Martin's, Canterbury, by Anne his first wife, youngest dau. and coheir of Sir Richard Sandys, 1st. bart. of Northbourne Court, co. Kent. She died, without issue, on 24 July 1816, aged 83, and was burd. by her husband in St. Martin's, Canterbury. Her will, dated 15 Mch. 1805, with codicil of 2 Mch. 1813, was proved 26 Aug. 1816, in P.C.C.

- III. Charles Pyott, of St. Martin's, Canterbury, esq.; bapt. 6 May 1706, at St. Michael's, Lichfield; died 20 Feb. 1789, aged 83; burd. at St. Martin's, Canterbury. Will dated 4 Apl. 1778, proved 20 Apl. 1789, in P.C.C. *Mard.* 1st. 7 Jan. 1730/1 Anne, youngest dau. and coheir of Sir Richard Sandys, 1st. bart. of Northbourne, co. Kent, by Mary his second wife, dau. of Sir Francis Rolle, of Shapwick, co. Som. (by licence dated 2 Jan. 1730/1, for St. Bartholomew the Great, London); she died 12 Feb. 1753, aged 43, and was burd. at St. Martin's, Canterbury, admon. of her estate being granted 14 Mch. 1761, and 16 June 1789, in P.C.C. He *mard.* 2nd. Elizabeth, youngest dau. of Sir Thomas Hales, 2nd. bart. of Beaksbourne, co. Kent, M.P., and widow of Benjamin Lethieullier, of East Sheen, co. Surrey, and by her, who died 27 Jan. 1778, aged 66, and was burd. in St. Martin's, Canterbury, had no issue. By Anne Sandys, his first wife, Charles Pyott had issue an only dau.

Anne Pyott, *mard.*, as above, to her first cousin, Robert Thomas Pyott.

Eleanor Pyott, bapt. 23 Nov. 1689, and burd. 11 Jan. 1695/6, at St. Michael's, Lichfield.

Carolina Pyott, bapt. 2 Feb. 1690/1, at St. Michael's, Lichfield; said by Shaw to have *mard.* 1st. Captain Malley, and 2nd. . . . Malley, Surgeon General to the Army in Flanders. She was, however, living as Carolina *Malet* on 23 Sept. 1728 and 14 Mch. 1737/8; and Jane Mallett, living 6 Dec. 1771, was evidently her dau. Mary Malie, of Haverfordwest, spinster, of 15 Mch. 1805, was probably a descendant.

. Pyott, probably dead on 23 Sept. 1728, *mard.*
Walsh, brother to Edward Walsh, esq., and had issue,

Jane Walsh, living 23 Sept. 1728.

Edith Walsh, living 23 Sept. 1728.

Oliver Walsh, living 14 Mch. 1737/8.

Anne Walsh, under 21 on 14 Mch. 1737/8.

Rebecca Walsh, under 21 on 14 Mch. 1737/8.

Ann Pyott, of The Close, Lichfield, 12 Jan. 1735/6; *mard.* about 1742 to Lewis Righton (or Wrightson), of Haverfordwest, co. Pembroke, who was living 10 May 1757.

Mary Pyott, living unmard. 23 Sept. 1728 and 14 Mch. 1737/8; ? died unmard., and burd. 23 May 1739, at St. Michael's, Lichfield.

Blanche Pyott, *mard.* July 1746 (as his second wife) to Thomas Hinckley, of Lichfield, son of Richard Hinckley, of Lichfield; he was bapt. 13 Oct. 1692, at St. Mary's, Lichfield, and burd. there 16 Mch. 1747/8. She died without issue, and her will, dated 6 Dec. 1771, was proved 3 Nov. 1772, at Lichfield (see *ante*, VII., p. 165); burd. in Cathedral churchyard.

Charlotte Pyott, unmard. on 23 Sept. 1728.

Frances Pyott, mard. (as his second wife) George Hand, of Lichfield, son of George Hand, of Lichfield, notary public, by Margaret his wife, dau. of Christopher Lowe, of Lichfield, and had issue by him, who was living 7 Sept. 1778 (see *ante*, IV., 180, 197).

Jane Pyott.

JOHN PYOTT, *eldest son of Richard Pyott preceding and Jane Nott his wife*; of Streethay, co. Staffs., esq.; bapt. Nov. 1688, at St. Michael's, Lichfield; matric. 2 Dec. 1706, aged 17, from University Coll., Oxford; student in Temple about 1707; living with wife in Warwick Court, Holborn, in 1712; burd. 19 Sept. 1729, at St. Michael's, Lichfield. Will dated 8 Feb. 1728/9, admon. granted 28 Nov. 1729, at Lichfield. Mard. 11 Aug. 1712 to Dorothea, dau. and coheir of Ralph Fretwell, of Hellaby, par. of Stainton, co. York, esq., and some time of the Island of Barbadoes, J.P., by Mabel Sanderson his wife. By her, who was living his widow 26 Nov. 1729, he had issue,

I. RICHARD PYOTT, *of whom presently*.

- I. Dorothea Pyott, bapt. 1 Nov. 1722, at St. Mary's, Lichfield; mard. Peter Johnson, Recorder of York, and died 15 July 1810, aged 88; burd. at St. Martin's, York. Her will, dated 4 Dec. 1800, with codicil of 25 Nov. 1809, was proved 30 Oct. 1810, in P.C.C. Peter Johnson was bapt. 29 Oct. 1719, at St. Martin's, York, son of Peter Johnson, of York, barr.-at-law, by Elizabeth his wife, dau. of Lewis West, of York, barr.-at-law; matric. 14 Oct. 1737, aged 18, from Christ Church, Oxford B.A., 1741; barr.-at-law, Middle Temple, 1743; Recorder of York from 1759 to 1789, when he resigned; died suddenly, 1 Aug. 1796, aged 76, at Thorp Arch, co. York; burd. at St. Martin's, Coney Street, York; his will, dated 1 Feb. 1779, and re-signed 27 Oct. 1795, was proved Oct. 1796. By Dorothea Pyott his wife he had issue an only dau. and heir,

Dorothea Johnson, bapt. 29 July 1748; mard. 9 Apl. 1767 to Sir John Eden, 4th bart., of West Auckland, co. Durham (as his second wife), and died 21 June 1792. Sir John, sometime M.P. for co. Durham, was born 16 Sept. 1740, and died 23 Aug. 1812, leaving issue by Dorothea Johnson his second wife, including an eldest son, Sir Robert Johnson-Eden [1774-1844], 5th. bart., who assumed his additional name of Johnson in 1811.

RICHARD PYOTT, *only son of John Pyott preceding and Dorothea Fretwell his wife*; of Highfield, par. of Chesterfield, co. Derby, esq.; matric. 7 May 1730, aged 16, from University Coll., Oxford; barr.-at-law, Lincoln's Inn, 1737; of Gray's Inn, 8 Aug. 1739; Councillor and Alderman of Chesterfield; died 14 July 1747, without issue; burd. 17 July 1747, at St. Michael's, Lichfield. Mard. Pyarea Mary, dau. of Thomas Milnes, of Turnditch and Highfield, par. of Chesterfield, by Sarah his wife, dau. of John Woodward, and heir to her brother,

Thomas Milnes [d. 1732]. She, who was born 1717, mard. 2nd. Vincent Eyre, of Sheffield, and of Highfield, par. of Chesterfield, eldest son of Vincent Eyre, of Dronfield Woodhouse, co. Derby ; he was born 23 Jan. 1704 ; was Master of the Horse and Steward to Edward, 14th. Duke of Norfolk [1686-1777], and died in 1761, without issue. On the death of Vincent Eyre his widow let Highfield for 11 years to Godfrey Heathcote, sen., and removed to Sheffield. Richard Pyott is said to have left a will, dated 11 May 1747, but it does not seem to have been proved. However, there seems no doubt that, subject to his wife's life interest, he left his estates away to Edward Wilmot, of Duffield, co. Derby, barr.-at-law (whose son Edward succeeded to them), ignoring the claims of his first cousin, Robert Thomas Pyott, of Canterbury, and of his own sister, Dorothea, wife of Peter Johnson.

THE MALLET FAMILY

"MR. MALLET" was the second of Michael Johnson's two witnesses when he was prosecuted in 1718 for his tanning operations. He was to prove that in other places it was customary for makers of parchment or vellum to reject unfit skins and send them to a tannery to be tanned, and on their return to sell them (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, pp. 213, 215, 216).

This Jonathan Mallet was Sheriff of Lichfield at the time, which probably accounts for his being no more closely identified than as "Mr." His origin is unknown, and there are no Mallet wills at Lichfield between 1660 and 1700. But there was a Mallet family at Coventry during the eighteenth century, which was probably related, for a William Mallet, of Lichfield, yeoman, was married to Sarah Loveit, at Holy Trinity, Coventry, on 2 September 1700. Jonathan first appears at Lichfield in 1695, when he was a "servant" in the Market Street household of John Atkins (*ante*, III., 94). If Jonathan, as we should assume, was a tanner by trade, he was no doubt employed by John Atkins in that capacity.

By marrying Anne Deakin later in the year, on 27 September 1695, Jonathan Mallet became the husband of Michael Johnson's "servant." The couple had been in a position to see each other frequently, for their masters' houses were near together in Market Street (*ante*, III., 94). Whether Ann was a mere domestic servant or whether she helped in the business we do not know.

Jonathan Mallet the younger, like his father, attained the highest civic positions in Lichfield. His wife, Anne Mallet, whom he married in 1728, was presumably a cousin. Their eldest son, the third Jonathan, escaped from the limitations of a tradesman's life, becoming an army doctor, and from 1793 Director General of Hospitals in America, under the command of the first Earl Grey, in 1797 retiring from a similar appointment in the West Indies. He must have been in America from before the time of the first American War, for his son Thomas, afterwards to go to Oxford, was born in New York about 1771. His youngest brother, John Mallet, followed in the same profession, and was in America as early as 1775, his last appointment,

in 1793, being as Surgeon to the Forces on the Continent under the command of the Duke of York.

The third Jonathan so far improved the position of his family as to bring them within the rather exclusive circle of Anna Seward's friends. His daughter, "Miss Catherine Mallet," is addressed by her in a set of verses dated "*Lichfield*, Nov. 1805." "My Catherine" was to leave Lichfield in "two short days," and "thine Anna" was gloomy as to the prospect of their meeting again (*Poetical Works of Anna Seward*, ed. Walter Scott, 1810, III., 370-72). A letter of 14 April 1806, to "Miss Catherine Mallet of Brianson Street, London," gives Anna's views on European affairs, but ends on a personal note (*Letters of Anna Seward*, 1811, VI., 250-55):—

Remember me to Mr. Mallet, and to all who form his domestic circle. You are now the serene sun of that little sphere. Ah! shall I ever again bask in its rays?

A later letter, of 29 July 1806, to "Miss Catherine Mallet, of London," thus concludes (*ibid.*, VI., 290-98):—

I am grieved to observe your presentiment of a long absence from Lichfield. With what pleasure should I see you the abiding guest of these walls! and gilding, with intellectual rays, the deprived and gloomy evening of my life! —Adieu!

A curious feature in connexion with the Mallets, and one which very much hinders the construction of an accurate pedigree, is the absence of wills. Even in the case of the three first successive Jonathans, all men of standing in their different fields, no will, or even administration, appears to be recorded at Lichfield or in P.C.C., and other members of the family similarly disappoint us. As will be noticed, there are a number of Mallet entries in the Lichfield registers, indicated by italics, which do not attach to the pedigree. Unrelated entries at Leicester have been omitted.

In the Pyott pedigree it will be seen that Carolina, born 1691, daughter of Richard Pyott, of Streethay, Lichfield, had two husbands, who are both described by Shaw as officers in the army named "Malley" (*ante*, p. 148-9). But Richard Pyott, in his will in 1728, leaves £5 to his daughter Carolina "Malet," who had had her portion (*ante*, p. 159); while another daughter, Blanche, widow of Thomas

Hinckley, in her will of 1771, leaves £10 to her niece, Jane "Mallett" (*ante*, VII., 155). It therefore seems clear that one at least of Carolina's husbands was named Mallet, but he cannot be fitted into this pedigree.

Penelope Porter, of Lichfield, in her will of 19 March 1782, mentions her messuage or farmhouse called Hill Hall, in Weeford, occupied as tenant by Thomas Mallett. Hill Hall, at Swinfen, in the parish of Weeford, had belonged to the Porters since at least 1667 (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 249). Mary, daughter of Joseph Adey, Town Clerk of Lichfield, and third wife of John Sneyd, of Bishton, in her will dated 25 April 1805, leaves £20 each to Ann and Mary Mallet, of Lichfield (*ante*, IV., 138, 145). They would be the two unmarried sisters of Thomas Mallet.

No inscriptions to the Mallets have been found at Lichfield churches. Mr. Laithwaite tells me that "The Ground Seats of St. Mary's, 1721," has "No. 46, Mr. Mallet."

I have not found the exact place in the pedigree of Thomas Mallet, of Lichfield, chandler, mentioned in the will of Miss Ann Mallet, in 1816, as her nephew; or of Mary Mallet, of Birmingham, spinster, similarly mentioned as her niece. In the same will, Mrs. John Mallet of London, and her daughter Kitty, have not been identified, as they do not seem to have been Mrs. Jonathan Mallet, of London, and her daughter Catherine, who are also mentioned therein. Nor have I placed Captain Jonathan Mallet, R.A., whose death at Cadiz, aged 27, is announced in *The Gentleman's Magazine* for February 1813. He actually died at Cadiz, the official records shew, on 20 July 1812, and his age is understated, for when appointed a Gentleman Cadet in the Royal Artillery on 14 February 1798 he was eighteen: he became 2nd. Lieut. on 1 June 1801, 1st. Lieut. on 2 May 1803, and 2nd. Captain on 1 February 1808.

For almost all the evidence in connexion with James Mallett, of Leicester, and his descendants there, I am indebted, as I am so often, to the untiring researches of Mr. A. W. Read. In addition to what I print, he has gleaned a good deal of more recent information from local newspapers and directories, as well as from inscriptions on graves and burial records, which I only incorporate in the pedigree. James Mallett has a Johnsonian connexion of his own, for he was a

fellow-apprentice to John Jee, of Leicester, tin plate worker, with Benjamin Johnson, eldest son of Samuel's "Cousin Tom." Benjamin's apprenticeship began in 1756 (*ante*, IV., 35-6), over two years before James Mallett's.

The apprenticeship books at Leicester shewed that one John Orton, son of Joseph Orton, of Leicester, framework knitter, was apprenticed to his father on 7 August 1810, and assigned to James Mallett, of Bolton, Lancs., hosier, on 12 February 1813.* This explained why the name of James Mallett the second, born in 1769, disappeared from the Leicester records after his eldest son's baptism in 1799, for he had migrated to Lancashire. I afterwards discovered that his son George had founded a distinguished medical family in Bolton, now represented by Sir Frederic Rowland Mallett. Sir Frederic, whose help I have pleasure in acknowledging, though he did not profess to know or care much about his family history, could not tell the Christian name of his great-grandfather. Nor could any other descendant, and it is rather surprising that no tradition remains even of his having come from Leicester, still less of the earlier connexion with Lichfield, in both of which towns the family had held leading civic positions. In fact I have no actual *proof* that James Mallett from Leicester was the ancestor of the Bolton family, though the facts leave no doubt on the point. James Mallett, as we have seen, removed from Leicester to Bolton, and was in business there as a hosier and hatter, while it is known that Sir Frederic's great-grandfather there (with several great-uncles) followed the same trade. Moreover James Mallett married Sarah *Blakesley* at Leicester in 1798, while Sir Frederic's father was Frederic *Blakesley* Mallett. Again, Edward Mallett, of Leeds, hosier, is known to have been Sir Frederic's great-uncle, and he is shewn to have married Elizabeth Cooke at *Leicester* in 1835. To clinch the matter, the great-grandfather's widow is known to have been *Sarah*. Mr. Frank Edward Macfadyen [b. 1871], of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, whose help I must also acknowledge, tells me that his mother, born in 1843, as daughter of Dr. George Mallett's brother Henry (she was married first in 1869 to John Macfadyen, and secondly in 1906 to David Mockie), remembers her grandmother by that name. There

* The same John Orton, of Blackfriars Road, London, hosier, was admitted a freeman of Leicester on 1 Sept. 1828.

are numerous descendants of Henry Mallett in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, as well as of his brother Edward, already mentioned. Mr. Harold Hamer, the Chief Librarian of Bolton, kindly tells me that the name of "James Mallett, hosier, 172 Deansgate," appears in the Bolton directories from 1824 to 1838. No earlier directory contains his name, though we have seen that he was of Bolton in 1813. He probably died about 1840, but seems to have left no will. Local searches would be required to get more accurate particulars of James Mallett and his wife, as well as of their children, as to the names and number of whom there is still some uncertainty.

The spelling of the name seems normally to have been Mallet, but the Leicester branch definitely added another T.

ABSTRACTS OF WILLS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

JOHN MALLET, late of Lichfield, co. Staffs., surgeon of H.M. Forces on the Continent under the command of H.R.H. the Duke of York, decd. Admon. granted 21 May 1795, in P.C.C., to *Sarah Mallet*, widow, the relict. Under £300.

JAMES MALLET, of the boro' of Leicester, co. Leic., tin plate worker and brazier, one of the Aldermen of the said boro'. Will dated 3 Jan. 1803. To my wife *Elizabeth*, all my household goods, furniture, plate, linen and china, for her own use. All my shares in the Ellesmere Canal Navigation, my book debts, stock in trade, etc., subject to payment of debts, funeral expenses, etc., to said wife *Elizabeth*, and my friend, *Hamlet Clark*, of said boro', gent., upon trust. As to my stock of trade, debts of trade, etc., my trustees shall take an inventory and afterwards carry on my said business until my youngest son, *Jonathan Mallet*, shall be capable in their opinion of conducting same, and in the meantime for benefit of said wife, and, when he is competent, make an inventory and valuation of all the then stock, debts, etc., and permit him to conduct same upon giving security for the payment of lawful interest and the amount thereof to said wife for life, and after her decease for the payment of three fourths of such principal to and amongst his brothers and sisters, *James*, *Elizabeth* and *Catherine Mallet*, equally, and *Jonathan* to have remaining fourth share. As to the Ellesmere Canal shares, etc., my trustees shall as soon as possible after my death make sale and dispose of them after deducting the sum of £5, which I request said *Hamlet Clark* to accept for his trouble, and my wife to have a life interest therein, and the residue to be invested afterwards for my said four children, *James*, *Elizabeth*, *Catherine* and *Jonathan*, equally. My wife and said *Hamlet Clark* to be exors., and guardians for such of my children as shall be underage at my death. Signed, *James Mallet*. Wits., *John Riley* and *W. Harrison*.

Proved 31 Mch. 1803, at Leicester, by *Elizabeth Mallet* and *Hamlet Clark*, the exors. Under £1000.

(ANNE MALLET, of Lichfield, in her own hand).

Memorandum of what I would have done after my decease. I wish my nephew *Jonathan Mallet* to conduct my funeral in a plain respectable way the same as my sister's. I give to my nephew the *Rev. Thomas Mallet* a large family bible and a mourning ring. To *Nancy* a set of china with the family arms on it and a ring. To *Mrs. Gibbon* the two pictures done in (? cork), the life of (? *Polnanach*) and a ring. A small writing desk to little *Catherine*. I wish *Nancy* to buy *Mrs. Mallet* (Buyanston Street) a mourning ring of two guineas value as a small token of my regard. To the children of my late brother *Thomas* I give five pounds each And to *Jonathan* the large china punch bowl. To *Mary Stern's* sermons and *Coopir's* poems. *Mrs. John Mallet* London to have five pounds and my brown silk gowns. Her daughter *Kitty* five pounds. I give *Mrs. Mallet* Leicester five pounds and my large silk shawl. To her children five pounds each for mourning. I wish the *Rev. Mr. White* to have a plain mourning ring in remembrance of the kindness and friendship I have received from him and wish him to be invited to my funeral. I desire that my gold ring which has my on it to be given to *Miss Fern*. I wish *Ann Acton* to have five pounds and the wages due to her at my decease. I wish my niece *Ann Mallet* who I hope will be with me and my niece *Mallet* to divide and give away my clothes (which I have not named) and household furniture as they think best. I would not have it sold upon any account. I should like to have something that would be useful given to *Sally Moore* and something to *Mrs. Slann*. The money which I have left to friends as legacies and for rings to be paid out of the money that is in *Mr. Moon's* hands. I do not wish anything else but am certain that everything will be done according to my wishes. I would have a plain mourning ring sent to *Mrs. Law* as a remembrance.

ANN MALLET.

I think it necessary to put down what belongs to *Nancy Mrs. Gibbin* and their brother as follows. The picture in the parlour over the chimney piece the best bedstead curtains and window curtains a white counterpane A large trunk containing music another large trunk The book case and books except what I have mentioned A box of pictures and glass belonging to them A white elephant, *Mr. Mallet's*. The parlour window curtains two china chocolate cups and saucers and the pearl counters to my niece *Ann*.

ANN MALLET.

Since the melancholy event of the loss of my niece *Ann* it is my wish that my niece *Mrs. Gibbon* and my nephew *Thomas Mallet* of Lichfield should join my niece *Mary Mallet* in seeing that my wishes which are expressed in this paper are all fulfilled Witness my hand

ANN MALLET.

January 19th 1816.

No wits. She died about 6 months ago. *Henry White*, of the Close, Lichfield, clerk, and *John Tomlinson*, of Lichfield, cordwainer, made affidavit that they were well acquainted with the handwriting of *Ann Mallet*, of Lichfield, spinster, and believed the whole contents of said paper were her handwriting. Proved 29 Aug. 1818, at Lichfield, by *Thomas Mallet*, of Lichfield, chandler, the exor. by implication, power reserved for *Catherine Gibbon*, of Monmouth, and *Mary Mallet*, of Birmingham, spinster, extrices. by implication. Effects under £100.

REV. THOMAS KENNEDY MALLET, late Rector of Staunton, co. Glouc., and Vicar of Dixon, co. Monmouth, clerk, bach., decd. Admon. granted 18 Jan. 1823, in P.C.C., to *Catherine*, wife of *Alexander Gibbon*, sister and only next-of-kin of decd. Bond £800.

JONATHAN MALLET, of Freeford, par. of St. Michael, Lichfield, co. Stafford, farmer. Will dated 3 Dec. 1834. To my sisters, *Harriet Mallet* and *Mary Ann Mallet*, who now reside with me at Freeford aisd., all my freehold messuage, lands, etc., situate at Freeford, and all my real estate in the Kingdom of Great Britain, with all my household goods, furniture, stock, etc., upon my farm, and all corn, etc., and personal estate, to hold to said *Harriet Mallet* and *Mary Ann Mallet*, their heirs and assigns, in trust for them or their survivor to sell and with monies arising pay my debts and also two legacies of nineteen guineas each to my nephew, *Henry Mallet*, son of my late brother, *John Mallet*, and now with me, and my niece, *Harriet Mallet*, and residue to go between my two sisters aisd. equally, and to their admors., they to be extrices. Signed, *Jonathan Mallet*. Wits., *Elizabeth Heyward*, *Thomas Jabbet* and *John P. Dyott*, attorney-at-law, Lichfield. Proved 23 Sept. 1835, at Lichfield, by *Harriet Mallet* and *Mary Ann Mallet*, of Freeford, spinsters and joint extrices. Effects under £600.

JONATHAN MALLETT, of Leicester, brazier. Will dated 23 Mch. 1853. My friends, *Joseph Simpkin*, of Hotel Street, Leicester, grocer, and *Henry Sharpe Jones*, of Leicester, toyman and jeweller, to be exors., and they to have all my household goods, furniture, plate, linen, china, etc., and all my stock in trade, shares in public companies, ready money and securities, upon trust to convert. My eldest son, *George Mallett*, to have the privilege of purchasing all my stock in trade, etc., at a valuation. My messuage in Halford Street, Leicester, now in occ. of *Mrs. Sumpter*, which I purchased from the trustees or mortgagees of *Mr. Charles S* [blank] *Pole*, and another messuage there in occ. of *Mr. Drakeford*, which I purchased from the trustees or mortgagees of [blank] *Hunt*, brick maker, and messuage at Houghton on the Hill, co. Leic., now in occ. of *Miss Thompson*, which I purchased from *Mrs. Read*, of Houghton, and piece of land there purchased by me from *Mrs. Humphreys*, of Billesdon, and also two cottages erected by me thereon, now in occ. of *Jane Coulton* and [blank] *Newby*, to said trustees upon trust that they sell all my real estate and pay all charges, and residue to all my children, namely, *Ann Mallett*, *George Mallett*, *John William Mallett* and *Eliza Mallett*, equally. Signed, *Jonathan Mallet*. Wits., *Maria Burbidge*, and *Tho. Burbidge*. Proved 13 Mch. 1857, by exors., at Leicester. Under £600. Testator died 17 Jan. last.

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS

(unidentified entries in italics)

ST. MARY'S, LICHFIELD

1695. Sept. 27. mard. Jonathan Mallet and Ann Deakin.
 1699. July 8. bapt. Rebecca, dau. of Jonathan Mallet.
 1727/8. Jan. 7. mard. *John Knight and Hannah Mallett.*
 1728. Dec. 26. mard. Jonathan Mallett and Ann Mallett.
 1729. Nov. 9. bapt. Jonathan Mallet, son of Jonathan Mallett.
 1731. Oct. 5. bapt. Thomas, son of Jonathan Mallett.
 1733. Nov. 8. bapt. Ann, dau. of Jonathan Mallett.
 1735/6. Feb. 24. bapt. Rebecca, dau. of Jonathan Mallett.
 1738. May 8. bapt. Hannah, dau. of Jonathan Mallett.
 1739. Nov. 1. bapt. Mary, dau. of Jonathan Mallett.
 1742. May 6. bapt. Elizabeth, dau. of Jonathan Mallett.
 1743. May 25. bapt. James, son of Jonathan Mallett.
 1745. Oct. 16. John, son of Jonathan Mallett.
 1752. *June 26. bapt. Rebecca, dau. of Edward Mallet.*
 1769. Sept. 22. bapt. Jonathan, son of Thomas Mallett.
 1786. Dec. 4. bapt. William, son of John Mallet (born 28 Feb. 1785).

ST. MICHAEL'S, LICHFIELD

1700. June . . burd. Rebecca, dau. of Johnathan Mallet.
 1728. Aug. 18. burd. Ann, wife of Mr. Johnathan Mallit.
 1738. Oct. 17. burd. Hannah, dau. of Jonathan Mallett.
 1742. Apl. 17. burd. A child of Jona: Mallit junr.
 1743. Nov. 30. burd. A child of Mr. Mallett's junr. St. Mary.
 1759. Nov. 3. burd. Mr. Mallitt senr., aged 89.
 1764. May 14. mard. Thomas Mallett and Bett Jackson, both of par. of St. Mary's, *lic.*
 1772. Apl. 10. burd. Ann, wife of Mr. Mallett senr.
 1773. Aug. 9. burd. Miss Reb. Mallett from Sandford Street, St. Mary's, dau. of Mr. Jonothan Mallett.
 1782. May 16. burd. Mr. Jonathan Mallett, Sandford Street.
 1793. May 6. burd. Mr. Thomas Mallett from Hill Hall.
 1802. Feb. 20. burd. Mrs. Betty Mallett from Freeford.

ST. CHAD'S, LICHFIELD

1794. Dec. 13. burd. *Francis, son of Francis Mallet.*

ST. MARTIN'S, LEICESTER

1768. Nov. 15. mard. James Mallett and Elizabeth Clarke, *lic.* Wits., John Clark and Grace Clark.
1769. Aug. 18. bapt. James, son of James & Eliz^h Mallett, born Aug. 14.
1772. Aug. 25. bapt. John, son of James and Eliz^h Mallett, born Aug. 18.
1774. June 16. bapt. Elizabeth, dau. of James & Eliz^h Mallett, born June 12.
1777. July 13. bapt. Mary Ann, dau. of James & Eliz^h Mallett, born July 9.
1782. Dec. 8. bapt. Catharine, dau. of James & Eliz^h Mallett, born Dec. 5.
1783. Jan. 27. burd. Mary Ann, dau. of James Mallett. Aged 4.
1784. June 14. bapt. Jonathan, son of James & Eliz^h Mallett, born June 11.
1803. Feb. 7. burd. James Mallett. Aged 59 years.
1808. June 14. mard. Richard Cook, par. of St. Margaret, and Elizabeth Mallett, this par., *lic.* Wits., Jonathan Mallett and Kate Mallett.
1818. Apl. 10. burd. Eliz^h Clark Mallett, London Road. Aged 3 years and 6 months.
1820. May 17. burd. Elizabeth Mallett, Market Place. Aged 76.
1822. Oct. 20. burd. Eliza Mallett, Market Place. Aged 2 years.
1824. Feb. 16. bapt. John William, son of Jonathan & Anne Mallett, Market Place, brazier.
1825. Oct. 14. bapt. Catharine, dau. of Jonathan & Anne Mallett, Market Place, brazier.
1827. Mch. 20. burd. Catharine Mallett, Market Place. Aged 2 years.
1827. Oct. 25. bapt. Eliza, dau. of Jonathan & Anne Mallett, Market Place, brazier.
1851. Nov. 9. burd. Ann Mallett, Market Place. Aged 63.
1854. Mch. 15. burd. Catharine Mallett, Market Place. Aged 71.
1856. Dec. 26. bapt. Annie Elizabeth, dau. of George & Sarah Ann Mallett, Market Place, brazier.
1860. June 17. bapt. Sarah Ellen, dau. of George & Sarah Ann Mallett, Market Place, brazier.
1872. Apl. 7. bapt. John William, son of George & Sarah Ann Mallett, Crescent Street, warehouseman.
1879. Mch. 2. bapt. George Walton (aged 14), son of George & Sarah Ann Mallett, bookkeeper.

ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER

1798. Mch. 27. mard. James Mallett, jun., St. Martin's, bach., and Sarah Blakesley, spinster, *lic.* Wits., John Mallett and E. Mallett.
1832. Feb. 23. mard. James Mallett, bach., and Harriett Hewitt, spinster, *lic.* Wits., John Thos. Raworth and Sarah Mallett.
1833. Jan. 30. bapt. Harriett, dau. of James and Harriett Mallett, New Walk, hosier.

1835. Apl. 7. mard. Edward Mallett, of Leeds, co. York, bach., and Elizabeth Cooke, spinster, *lic.* Wits., Richd. Cooke, Wm. Chamberlain, Selina Chamberlain, John Cooke and James Cooke.
1840. Jan. 22. bapt. Louisa Emily, dau. of James and Harriett Mallett, New Walk, hosier.
1846. Nov. 13. burd. Harriett, dau. of James and Harriett Mallett, Nelson Street. Aged 13.

ST. MARY'S, LEICESTER

1799. June 30. bapt. James, son of James & Sarah Mallet, Newarks (Leicester), born June 21.

HOUGHTON-ON-THE-HILL, CO. LEICESTER

1813. May 4. mard. Jonathan Mallet, par. of St. Martin, Leicester, and Ann Thompson, with consent of parents, *lic.*

MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTION

STAUNTON, CO. GLOUCESTER

(*marble memorial in sanctuary*)

Sacred | to the Memory of | Thomas Kennedy Mallet | Rector of this Parish
& Vicar of Dixon. | Obiit 21^o Octob: 1822 Aetat 52 | Soror mœrens posuit.

MARRIAGE LICENCES

ST. MARGARET PECULIAR, LEICESTER

1798. Mch. 27. James Mallet, the younger, par. of St. Martin, Leicester, hosier, bach., aged 28, and Sarah Blakesley, par. of St. Margaret, Leicester, spinster, 21. Surety, Henry Clark, of Leicester, hosier.
1832. Feb. 27. James Mallet, par. of St. Margaret, Leicester, hosier, bach., aged 31 and upwards, and Harriett Hewitt, of same, spinster, 24 and upwards.
1835. Apl. 6. Edward Mallett, of par. of Leeds, co. York, bach., aged 25, and Elizabeth Cooke, par. of St. Margaret, Leicester, spinster, aged 26.

LEICESTER ARCHDEACONRY

1768. James Mallett and Eliz. Clarke.
1813. Jonathan Mallet and Ann Thompson.
1855. George Mallet and Sarah Ann Willey.

EXTRACTS FROM "THE GENTLEMAN'S MAGAZINE"

1793. May. p. 482. (*obit.*, May 1). At Hill-hall, near Lichfield, Mr. Mallett, brother of Mr. M. of Leicester.
1793. Nov. p. 1061. (*Gazette Promotions*). Jonathan Mallett, appointed director of the hospitals for the said forces ("forces under the command of Sir Charles Grey").
1794. Aug. p. 768. (*obit.*, *lately*). At St. Pierre, in the island of Martinique, Mr. Mallett, second son of Mr. M. of Leicester. He was a very promising young man, and his death is much regretted.
1803. Feb. p. 197. (*obit.*, Feb. 4). At Leicester, Mr. Alderman Mallett.
1806. Dec. p. 1172. (*obit.*, Nov. 21). In Bryanstone-street, Portman-square, aged 77, John [*sic*] Mallett, esq. late director-general of the hospitals in America and the West Indies, under Ld. Grey, and brother to the late Alderman M. of Leicester.
1809. Oct. p. 988. (*obit.*, Oct.). At Lichfield, suddenly, Mrs. M. Mallett, sister to the late Mr. Alderman M. of the borough of Leicester.
1813. Pt. 1. Feb. p. 182. (*obit.*, *abroad*). At Cadiz, in his 28th year, Capt. Jonathan Mallett, R.A.
1813. Pt. 2. Sept. p. 300. (*obit.*, Aug. 22). At Somer's-town, Mrs. Mallett, of Berners-street, relict of the late Dr. John M. formerly of the 11th light dragoons.
1815. Pt. 2. Sept. p. 282. (*obit.*, *lately*). In Bryanston-street, Portman-square, Anne, daughter of the late Jonathan Mallett, esq.

EXTRACTS FROM LEICESTER NEWSPAPERS

Leicester Journal. 11 Feb. 1803. DIED. On Friday last MR. ALDERMAN MALLET justly esteemed as an honest inoffensive man.

do.

18 Feb. 1803.

ELIZABETH MALLET

With Gratitude for past Favors, respectfully informs the Friends of her late Husband and the Public in General, that she intends carrying on the Business in all its Branches, and Earnestly solicits the Continuance of their Support for herself and Family.

Market Place, Feb. 17, 1803.

An Apprentice wanted.

EXTRACTS FROM LEICESTER CITY RECORDS

APPRENTICESHIP BOOKS

1800. Jan. 24. Jonathan Mallett, son of James, tinman and brazier, apprentice to his father.

(In addition there are records of the apprenticeship of five boys of other names to James Mallett, tin plate worker, on various dates from 1771 to 1794 ; of four boys apprenticed to Elizabeth and Jonathan Mallett, tin plate workers and co-partners, from 1809 to 1819 ; and of seven boys apprenticed to Jonathan Mallett, tin plate worker and brazier, from 1823 to 1844.)

ROLL OF FREEMEN

1759. May 8. James Mallett, son of Jonathan, of Lichfield, malster, apprentice to John Jee, of Leicester, tin plate worker and ironmonger, from 20 Oct. £20.
 1767. Aug. 19. James Mallett, apprentice of John Jee, of Leicester, tin plate worker. Freeman.
 1790. Apl. 27. James Mallett, eldest son of James, tin plate worker.
 1805. Apl. 1. Jonathan Mallett, second living son of James, tinman, late one of the Aldermen.
 1825. Mch. 31. James Mallett, eldest son of James, who was eldest son of James, one of the Aldermen.
 1844. July 22. George Malett, tin plate worker, first living son of Jonathan, who was second living son of James, tin plate worker.
 1845. Dec. 29. John William Mallett, hosier, second son of Jonathan, who was second son of James.

(In addition occur the names of three others apprenticed to James Mallett, tin plate worker, from 1768 to 1800 ; of two others apprenticed to Elizabeth and Jonathan Mallett, tin plate workers, in 1826 ; and of four others apprenticed to Jonathan Mallett, tin plate worker, from 1832 to 1845).

MISCELLANEOUS EVIDENCES

Nichols's *Leicester*, I., 450-51.

Leicester. 1785. Sep. 21. James Mallet, Chamberlain.

„ 1802. Sep. 21. James Mallett, Chamberlain.

Leicester Poll Book, 1826.

Jonathan Mallet, Market Place, Brazier.

James Malet, ditto. Hosier.

do. 1830.

Jonathan Mallett, Market Place, Brazier. Freehold—House.

Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*.

MALLET, Thomas, s. Jonathan, of New York, North America, arm. Oriel Coll., matric. 14 Dec., 1789, aged 18 ; B.A. 1793.

Harwood's *Lichfield*.

p. 431. 1717. Jonathan Mallet, Sheriff.

- P. 432. 1724. Jonathan Mallet, Junior Bailiff.
 1731. Jonathan Mallet, Senior Bailiff.
 P. 433. 1746. Jonathan Mallet, Senior Bailiff.
 1747. Jonathan Mallet, *Junior*, Sheriff.
 P. 434. 1756. Jonathan Mallet, *Junior*, Junior Bailiff.
 1762. Jonathan Mallet, Senior Bailiff.

Universal British Directory, 1792.

LICHFIELD. "Gentry, &c."—"Mrs. Mallet."

NARRATIVE PEDIGREE

JONATHAN MALLET, of Lichfield ; Sheriff in 1717, Junior Bailiff in 1724, and Senior Bailiff in 1731 and 1746 ; aged 25 in 1695 ; burd. 3 Nov. 1759, aged 89, at St. Michael's, Lichfield. Mard. Anne, dau. of Deakin, at St. Mary's, Lichfield, on 27 Sept. 1695. By her, who was 27 in 1695, and was burd. 18 Aug. 1728, at St. Michael's, Lichfield, he had issue,

JONATHAN MALLET, *of whom presently.*

Rebecca Mallet, bapt. 8 July 1699, at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; burd. — June 1700, at St. Michael's, Lichfield.

JONATHAN MALLET, *son of Jonathan Mallet preceding and Anne Deakin his wife* ; of Sandford Street, Lichfield, maltster ; Sheriff in 1747, Junior Bailiff in 1756, and Senior Bailiff in 1762 ; died in Sandford Street, and burd. 16 May 1782, at St. Michael's, Lichfield. Mard. 26 Dec. 1728, at St. Mary's, Lichfield, to Anne Mallet, who was burd. 10 Apl. 1772, at St. Michael's, Lichfield. They had issue (in addition to "A child," burd. 17 Apl. 1742, and "A child," burd. 30 Nov. 1743, both at St. Michael's, the latter of whom might have been Elizabeth, bapt. 6 May 1742),

I. JONATHAN MALLET, *of whom presently.*

- II. Thomas Mallet, of Hill Hall, Swinfen, par. of Freeford, co. Staffs. ; bapt. 5 Oct. 1731, at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; died 1 May 1793, at Hill Hall ; burd. at St. Michael's, Lichfield. Mard. 14 May 1764, at St. Michael's, Lichfield, to Bett Jackson, and by her, who died at Freeford, and was burd. 20 Feb. 1802, at St. Michael's, Lichfield, had issue,

Jonathan Mallet, of Freeford, co. Staffs., farmer ; bapt. 22 Sept. 1769, at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; died unmard. Will dated 3 Dec. 1834, proved 23 Sept. 1835, at Lichfield.

John Mallet, who died before 3 Dec. 1834, having mard. and had issue,

Henry Mallet, of Freeford, 3 Dec. 1834.

Harriet Mallet, unmard. on 3 Dec. 1834.

Harriet Mallett, living unmard. at Freeford, 23 Sept. 1835.

Mary Ann Mallett, living unmard. at Freeford, 23 Sept. 1835.

III. James Mallett, of Market Place, Leicester, tin plate worker and brazier ; bapt. 25 May 1743, at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; apprenticed 8 May 1759 (from 20 Oct.), for 7 years, to John Jee, of Leicester, tin plate worker and ironmonger ; made freeman of Leicester, 19 Aug. 1767 ; Alderman of Leicester, and Chamberlain in 1785 and 1802 ; died 4 Feb. 1803, aged 59 ; burd. at St. Martin's, Leicester. Will dated 3 Jan. 1803, proved 31 Mch. 1803, at Leicester. Mard. 15 Nov. 1768, at St. Martin's, Leicester, to Elizabeth, dau. of Clarke, and by her, who died May 1820, aged 76, and was burd. 17 May at St. Martin's, Leicester, had issue,

1. James Mallett, of Market Place, Leicester, and afterwards of 172 Deansgate, Bolton, co. Lancs., hosier and hatter ; born 14 Aug. 1769 ; bapt. 18 Aug. 1769, at St. Martin's, Leicester ; made freeman of Leicester, 27 Apl. 1790 ; died somewhere round 1843. Mard. 27 Mch. 1798, at St. Margaret's, Leicester, to Sarah, dau. of Blakesley, of St. Margaret's par., Leicester, and by her had issue (so far as is known),

(1) James Mallett, of New Walk, Leicester, hosier ; born 21 June 1799 ; bapt. 30 June 1799, at St. Mary's, Leicester ; made freeman, 31 Mch. 1825 ; of Nelson Street, Leicester, commercial traveller, in 1842 and 1854. Mard. 23 Feb. 1832, at St. Margaret's, Leicester, to Harriett, dau. of Hewitt, of Leicester, and by her had, with perhaps other issue, Harriett Mallett, bapt. 30 Jan. 1833, at St. Margaret's, Leicester ; burd. there 13 Nov. 1846, aged 13.
Louisa Emily Mallett, bapt. 22 Jan. 1840, at St. Margaret's, Leicester.

(2) George Mallett, of Bolton ; L.S.A., 1825 ; M.R.C.S., 1826 ; F.R.C.S., 1852 ; died 5 June 1871, aged 68 years, at Silverwell House, Bolton ; burd. at Harwood, near Bolton. Mard. Harriet, dau. of Thomas Wingfield, of Bolton, wine and spirit merchant, and granddau. of the Rev. Borlase Wingfield, Rector of Bolas Magna, co. Salop (see Burke's *Landed Gentry*, "Wingfield of Onslow" (Salop)) ; she died 23 May 1863, aged 58, and was burd. at Harwood, having had issue,

1. George Wingfield Mallett, died 5 May 1847, aged 9 ; burd. at Harwood.

2. William James Mallett, of Manchester, M.D., M.R.C.S., died 3 Jan. 1916, aged 76, and was burd. at Harwood. By Caroline Helena, his wife, who died 30 Apl. 1916, aged 70, and was burd. at Harwood, he left no issue.

3. Roland Thomas Mallett, died 11 Apl. 1854, aged 10 ; burd. at Harwood.
4. George Rowland Mallett, died 18 Nov. 1870, aged 21 ; burd. at Harwood.
5. Frederic Blakesley Mallett, of Newport House, Bolton, M.D. Edin., L.R.C.S., J.P. Mard. Mary Frances Kearsley, of Hindley Green, Lancs., and had issue,
 - (1) Sir Frederic Rowland Mallett, of Bolton, and afterwards of The Gables, Minchinhampton, co. Glouc., M.D., L.R.C.P.; born 18 July 1869 ; knt. 1934. Mard. 1901 Mary Constance, dau. of Charles William Dixon, of Westhoughton, Lancs., and has issue.
 - (2) George Edward Mallett.
 - (3) William Mallett.
 - (4) Francis Kearsley Mallett.
 - (1) Harriet Mary Mallett.
 - (2) Catharine Mallett.
 - (3) Anne Mallett.
 - (4) Jessie Mallett.
1. Agnes Mallett, mard. Richard Hall, and had a dau., Muriel Hall.
- (3) Peter Mallett, of Briggate, Leeds, hatter and hosier ; living June 1871.
- (4) William Mallett, of Turton, co. Yorks. ; living June 1871.
- (5) Edward Mallett, of Briggate, Leeds, hatter and hosier ; born about 1810. Mard. 7 Apl. 1835, at St. Margaret's, Leicester, to Elizabeth, dau. of Cooke, of Leicester, and had issue—he has descendants living in Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
- (6) Henry Mallett, of Bolton, and afterwards of Briggate, Leeds, hatter and hosier. Mard. Catherine Alice [1815-1900], dau. of Roulston, of Wigan, Lancs., officer of excise, and of Isabella Graham [1779-1861], his wife. He also has numerous descendants living in Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
2. John Mallett, born 18 Aug. 1772 ; bapt. 25 Aug. 1772, at St. Martin's, Leicester ; died in or before Aug. 1794, at St. Pierre, Island of Martinique.
3. Jonathan Mallett, of Market Place, Leicester, brazier ; born 11 June 1784 ; bapt. 14 June 1784, at St. Martin's, Leicester ; apprenticed to his father, 24 Jan. 1800 ; made freeman, 1 Apl. 1805 ; died 17 Jan. 1857, at 21 Market Place, Leicester ; burd. at Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester. Will dated 23 Mch. 1853, proved

13 Mch. 1857, at Leicester. Mard. 4 May 1813, at Houghton-on-the Hill, co. Leic., to Ann, dau. of Thompson, and by her, who died 6 Nov. 1851, aged 63, and was burd. at St. Martin's, Leicester, had issue,

- (1) George Mallett, of Market Street, Leicester, brazier; later a warehouseman and bookkeeper; admitted freeman, 22 July 1844; died 5 Apl. 1890, aged 68, at his sister Eliza's house, 5 St. Martin's, Leicester, and burd. at Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester. Mard. in 1855 to Sarah Ann, dau. of Willey, and by her, who died 3 May 1866, at Coalville, co. Leic., aged 35, and was burd. at Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester, had, with perhaps other issue,

Annie Elizabeth Mallett, bapt. 26 Dec. 1856, at St. Martin's, Leicester.

Sarah Ellen Mallett, bapt. 17 June 1860, at St. Martin's, Leicester.

John William Mallett, bapt. 7 Apl. 1872, at St. Martin's, Leicester.

George Walton Mallett, bapt. 2 Mch. 1879, aged 14, at St. Martin's, Leicester.

- (2) John William Mallett, hosier; bapt. 16 Feb. 1824, at St. Martin's, Leicester; admitted freeman of Leicester, 29 Dec. 1845; died 22 Dec. 1861, aged 37; burd. at Toxteth Park Cemetery, Liverpool.
- (1) Elizabeth Clark Mallett, burd. 10 Apl. 1818, aged 3 years and 6 months, at St. Martin's, Leicester.
- (2) Ann Mallett, died unmard. 3 June 1873, aged 57, at 4 Crescent Street, Leicester; burd. at Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester.
- (3) Eliza Mallett, burd. 20 Oct. 1822, aged 2, from Market Place, at St. Martin's, Leicester.
- (4) Catherine Mallett, bapt. 14 Oct. 1825, at St. Martin's, Leicester; burd. there 20 Mch. 1827, aged 2.
- (5) Eliza Mallett, bapt. 25 Oct. 1827, at St. Martin's, Leicester; of 5 St. Martin's, Leicester, stationer, unmard., in 1890.
1. Elizabeth Mallett, born 12 June 1774; bapt. 16 June 1774, at St. Martin's, Leicester; mard. 14 June 1808, at St. Martin's, Leicester, to Richard Cook, of par. of St. Margaret's, Leicester.
2. Mary Ann Mallett, born 9 July 1777; bapt. 13 July 1777, at St. Martin's, Leicester; burd. there 27 Jan. 1783.
3. Catherine Mallett, born 5 Dec. 1782; bapt. 8 Dec. 1782, at St. Martin's, Leicester; ? "Kate Mallett," of 14 June 1808; died unmard., Mch. 1854, in Market Place, Leicester; burd. 15 Mch. 1854, at St. Martin's, Leicester.

- IV. John Mallet, bapt. 16 Oct. 1745, at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; appointed Surgeon of 45th. Foot (or 1st. Nottinghamshire Regt.), which was in America, 20 Sept. 1775 ; Surgeon to 11th. Dragoons, 24 May 1782 ; Surgeon to Forces on Continent (commission signed by Henry Dundas), under command of H.R.H. the Duke of York, 21 Aug. 1793. Perhaps the John Mallet whose son William, born 28 Feb. 1785, was bapt. 4 Dec. 1786, at St. Mary's, Lichfield. Admon. of his estate, as late of Lichfield, granted 21 May 1795, in P.C.C., to Sarah Mallet, the relict. His widow, who lived latterly in Berners Street, London, died on 22 Aug. 1813, at Somers-town, co. M'sex.
- I. Ann Mallet, of Lichfield ; bapt. 8 Nov. 1733, at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; died unmard. about Feb. 1818. Will dated 19 Jan. 1816, proved 29 Aug. 1818, at Lichfield.
- II. Rebecca Mallet, bapt. 24 Feb. 1735/6, at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; died unmard. in Sandford Street, Lichfield ; burd. 9 Aug. 1773, at St. Michael's, Lichfield.
- III. Hannah Mallet, bapt. 8 May 1738, at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; burd. 17 Oct. 1738, at St. Michael's, Lichfield.
- IV. Mary Mallet, bapt. 1 Nov. 1739, at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; died suddenly, unmard., Oct. 1809, at Lichfield.
- V. Elizabeth Mallet, bapt. 6 May 1742, at St. Mary's, Lichfield.

JONATHAN MALLET, *eldest son of Jonathan Mallet preceding and Anne Mallet his wife* ; bapt. 9 Nov. 1729, at St. Mary's, Lichfield ; appointed Purveyor of the Hospitals in North America and West Indies in 1776 ; placed on half-pay in that rank in 1787 ; appointed Director of Hospitals of the Forces under Sir Charles Grey (by commission signed by Henry Dundas), 9 Oct. 1793 ; came on half-pay again in 1797 as " Director of Hospitals in West Indies." Died 21 Nov. 1806, aged 77, in Bryanston Street, Portman Square, London. Mard. and had issue,

- I. Rev. Thomas Kennedy Mallet, born in New York ; matric. 14 Dec. 1789, aged 18, from Oriel Coll., Oxford ; B.A. 1793 ; Rector of Staunton, co. Glouc., 1813, and Vicar of Dixon, co. Mon. ; died unmard. 21 Oct. 1822, aged 52 ; burd. at Staunton. Admon. granted 18 Jan. 1823, in P.C.C.
- I. Anne (Nancy) Mallet ; lived some time with her aunt, Miss Ann Mallet, at Lichfield ; died unmard. about Aug. 1815, in Bryanston Street, Portman Square, London.
- II. Catherine Mallet ; left Lichfield in Nov. 1805 ; living in Bryanston Street, Portman Square, London, in Apl. 1806 ; still in London, unmard., July 1806 ; living at Monmouth, in Aug. 1815, as wife of Alexander Gibbon ; perhaps mother of " little Catherine," living about 1815 ; she and her husband living 18 Jan. 1823.

MINOR ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

The Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry
1906

(Johnsonian portion only)

P. 106.—The Rev. Walter Hickman was educated at Westminster School, which he entered in August 1722, aged 14 (Barker and Stennings's *Record of Old Westminsters*, I., 456).

P. 110.—In *The R. B. Adam Catalogue Relating to Samuel Johnson*, vol. III., 1929, p. 243, is listed an undated memorandum from John Toland [1669-1722], respecting "Mr. Hickman dyed in Leyden 1692," etc., the reference being of course to the Rev. Henry Hickman.

P. 132. *Second column, line 5.*—Correct 23 Jan. 1796 to 23 Jan. 1696, for date of Mrs. Barnesley's will.

P. 137. *Second column.*—Mary, who married the Rev. Cornelius Jesson in 1758, was a daughter of Wannerton Groome.

P. 138. *First column, footnote 2.*—Should read, "This John Jesson and his brothers left no issue, so the descendants of the Rev. Cornelius Jesson, Vicar of Trysull, died out in the third generation."

P. 141. *Second column, footnote 4.*—The Francis Tomkys who died in 1639, appointing his kinsman, Alexander Wightwick, of Wightwick, an overseer of his will, was probably the Francis Tomkis who married Margaret, dau. of Humphrey Wightwick, of Wightwick: she was great-aunt to Francis Wightwick who married Elizabeth Pyott (Maclean's "Pembroke College, Oxford," *Oxford Hist. Soc.*, vol. 33, p. 178). See *ante*, p. 182.

P. 142. *Second column, lines 6-7.*—Omit words, "it can scarcely be doubted." *Lines 15-16:* read, "her husband's aunt, Margaret Barnesley, born 1608, who married Thomas Pudsey, of Seisdon, in 1637."

P. 145. *First column, line 35.*—Omit "probably."

P. 151. *Second column, line 12.*—Johnson's altercation with Sampson Lloyd was in 1776, not 1766.

P. 153. *Second column, line 5.*—George Hector was brother, *not son*, to Dr. Brooke Hector.

P. 166. *First column, footnote 1.*—The reference should be to p. 163.

P. 204. *First column, line 3.*—For William *Flint* read William *Abnit* : see *ante*, III., 34.

P. 228. *First column, 3rd. line from bottom of footnotes.*—For Carey *Bull* read Carey *Butt*.

Pp. 231-2.—I have not yet identified the Mrs. Longworth who brought Johnson a *Hermes Garretsoni* in 1719 (see also *ante*, III., 115). But these entries from the registers of St. Michael's, Coventry, tell us a little more of Joseph Longworth and his wife Mary :—

1727/8. Mch. 23. burd. Howcott Longworth, son of Joseph and Mary.

1725. Apl. 16. burd. Mary Longworth, dau. of Joseph and Mary.

1741. Apl. 1. burd. Mary Longworth, widow.

Now Howcott is rather an unusual name, and one naturally wonders if there was any connexion between these Longworths and the Edward Howcott who was Michael Johnson's neighbour in Sadler Street, Lichfield (see *ante*, III., 48 ; IV., 7, 8, 17 ; VIII., 44). It is a clue I have made some attempt to follow up, but with no success.

P. 236. *Second column, extract at foot re Captain Porter.*—For "Mr. Williams's account," read, of course, "Mrs. Williams's account."

P. 238. *First column, near foot.*—Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Denis, to whom Captain Porter left a mourning ring, comes into the Johnson world through another door also, for when Mrs. Piozzi was a little girl of eight, say about 1749, "he actually did instruct her in the rudiments of navigation," after the globes were familiar to her (Hayward's *Autobiography, etc.*, of Mrs. Piozzi, 1861, II., 14).

P. 259. *First column, foot, and second column, top.*—As Mrs. Bromfield (*née* Mary Skrymsher) was bapt. in 1694 it would look as if the age ascribed to her at her death in 1776 had been mis-read as 88 instead of 83.

P. 263. *Second column, line 9.*—The date of Anne Clopton's marriage to Thomas Boothby Skrymsher was, of course, 19 Jan. 1720/1, at Stratford. See *Par. Reg. Soc.*, vol. 16, p. 109.

P. 265.—The Mrs. Frances "Filecote," of Tamworth, mentioned in the will of Ann, widow of Charles Skrymsher Boothby, in 1784, I suspected was really a mis-reading for *Tilecote*. Mr. H. Charles

Mitchell, of Tamworth, kindly tells me this is so. Samuel Tylecote was a leading wine merchant in Tamworth at the end of the 18th. and beginning of the 19th. century.

P. 269. *Second column, line 22.*—For “executors,” read “executrix.”

P. 274. *First column, line 6.*—James Perry it *was* who married Anne Jesson.

P. 277. *Second column, end of Simon Ford's will.*—For Lovelace Mercy read Lovelace Hercy [1644-1730], who, as shewn in the Hercy pedigree in Burke's *Landed Gentry*, married Mary [d. 1694], dau. of Simon Ford.

Tabular Pedigree No. XXIX.—Michael Johnson's baptism was, of course, on 2 Apl. 1657, not “1657/8.” John Jesson's will, dated 24 Mch. 1711/12, was proved 14 May 1712, not 1711.

Index, p. xx.—For William Page Gibbons, read William Pike Gibbons.

Johnsonian Gleanings

I., 9.—Mr. T. H. Nicholls sends me the marriage of Sir Ambrose Crowley's parents, from the Kidderminster registers:—

1657. Apl. 2. mard. Ambrose Crowley, of Old Swinford, nailer, and Mary Hall, of Chadwick, near Bromsgrove.

It was by his second wife, Sarah, that Ambrose Crowley was father of Judith, the wife of “Parson” Ford (see *Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, pp. 168-70).

I., 27; II., 112.—It was suggested at the first of these references that the Headmaster of Newport Grammar School was probably Samuel Lea of Jesus College, Cambridge. Of this there can now be no doubt. Venn's *Alumni Cantabrigienses*, published in the meantime, tells us that Samuel Lea was admitted pensioner at Jesus on 1 May 1706, as “of Staffordshire”; he matriculated in 1707; scholar, 1707; B.A., 1709/10; M.A., 1725; Rector of Bucknall, Staffs., circa 1718-73. Venn only queries him as Headmaster of Newport Grammar School, 1728-73; but the identification admits of no dispute.

The following entries are taken from the Stoke-upon-Trent registers, as printed by the *Staffordshire Par. Reg. Soc.*:—

1716. May 21. mar. Sam. Lea, Cler., & Dorothe. Whilton.
 1717. July 21. bapt. Elizab. Lea, f. Sam., Cler., & Dorothe.
 1719. Apl. 18. bapt. Hanna Lea, f. Sam. & Dorothe., Cler.
 1721. Apl. 15. bapt. Whilton Lea, of Sam. & Dorothy.
 1721. May 3. burd. Whilton Lea, inf.
 1721/2. Mch. 5. burd. Dorothe. w. of Sam. Lea, clerke.
 1722. July 1. burd. Sam. Lea, inf.
 1725. June 11. bapt. Sam. Lea, of Sam. & Sarah.

I., 37.—The Rev. Thomas Chamberlayne, who was one of the executors of the will of Elizabeth, widow of the Rev. Theophilus Lowe, and whose widow Catherine married the 2nd. Earl of Orford in 1806, was alive on 15 Apl. 1791 (*ante*, VIII., 177). See Burke's *Landed Gentry* ("Chamberlayne of Cranbury Park," Hants.), where it is difficult to settle his identity.

II., 9.—At the end of the bottom line of the footnotes the *i* has been dropped out of "methodical."

II., 25.—In the second line of text the internal *d* has been omitted from "acknowledged."

II., 97-8.—Mr. James L. Clifford kindly tells me that in Mrs. Piozzi's diary for 1809, now in the possession of Mrs. Herbert Evans, of Brynbella, St. Asaph, under 21 April, is an entry,

got safe to Lichfield ask'd for old Acquaintances ; all Dead !!!
 Saw Frank's soidisant Daughter.

He also tells me that in her Commonplace Book, now in the possession of Mr. A. Edward Newton, she subsequently wrote of this visit :—

Blackamour

I saw a Girl at Lichfield lately—who *called herself*—& was *called* by others, the Daughter of Dr. Johnson's Negro Francis. She was rather a remarkably *fair* Girl, & approaching to pretty ; but Frank tho' almost 15 years at *School*, never I suppose learned *much* of Natural History. I got my old Pocket book again which I had given the Doctor, and which he had bestowed upon *Blackey* ; but my Silver Tea kettle & Lamp, my Portrait, and the Great Chair I had taken so much Pains to work for him, were all gone irrecoverably—& the people in sad Want to whom he had given them.

This daughter, of course, was Ann Barber, born 1786, who assisted her mother to keep a school in Lichfield (*ante*, VIII., 80). Perhaps it was Mrs. Piozzi's own knowledge of natural history that was defective,

for a child may follow the complexion of either parent (and see *ante*, II., 77). We may doubt if Frank's schooling extended to "almost 15 years." He was at Barton school, in Yorkshire, from 1752 or a little earlier, but by 1756 he had come back to Johnson and run away to serve an apothecary (*ante*, II., 9-12); and his stay at Bishop Stortford Grammar School was not longer than from 1767 to 1772 (*ante*, II., 16-21).

In her accounts for the journey she enters "Dr. Johnson's Pocket book," for which she paid a guinea, evidently to Mrs. Barber. In 1810 the Rev. T. S. Whalley visited Lichfield and heard about the pocket book (which Mrs. Piozzi had bought in Paris), and also complaints of the meagre remuneration given for it (*ante*, II., 82).

II., 112 (and see III., 95).—In view of the subsequent relations of Anna Seward and John Saville, it is rather curious to find his appointment at Lichfield recorded alongside that of her father in *Gent.'s Mag.*, 1755, May, p. 237:—

Mr. John Saville, installed vicar choral of Litchfield, in
room of

Mr. Mence, minor canon of Winchester.

Mr. Seward, canon resident, of Litchfield.

The Rev. Joseph Mence, a celebrated singer, died at Worcester on 19 Dec. 1796, aged 74. He sang the anthem at Gilbert Walmesley's funeral in 1751 (*ante*, VIII., 4, 6).

II., 130 (*index*).—John Saville was not "Rev."

III., 2. From the Rev. J. C. Cox's *Derbyshire Churches*, III., 94, it appears that Thomas Stubbins was appointed Rector of Cubley on 25 June 1654, when the patron, the Earl of Chesterfield, was in prison as a Royalist. This Philip Stanhope [1584-1656], who had been created Baron Stanhope of Shelford, co. Notts., in 1616, and Earl of Chesterfield in 1628, was Colonel of a Regiment of Dragoons for the King, and was made prisoner at the siege of Lichfield in 1643. He died a prisoner, though in lodgings in London, in 1656 (G.E.C.'s *Complete Peerage*, and *Dict. Nat. Biog.*). Thomas Stubbins, who no doubt christened Michael Johnson on 2 April 1657, as well as his brother Benjamin Johnson in 1659 (*ante*, III., 3), is identified by Venn as probably Thomas Stubbinge, who matriculated as a sizar from

Trinity College, Cambridge, at Easter, 1625, and took his B.A. in 1628/9. He seems to have been the father of Richard Stubbing, who entered Repton School in 1660 and afterwards took his M.A. at St. John's College, Cambridge (Venn's *Alumni Cantabrigienses*, and *Repton School Register*, ed. G. S. Messiter, 1905, p. 26). Cox gives the appointment of Thomas Stubbins's successor, Isaac Solden, on 11 Feb. 1660, the patron then being Philip Stanhope [1634 ?-1714], second Earl of Chesterfield, who was the grandfather of the "great" Earl, Johnson's *bête noire*, and father of Lady Catherine Stanhope, who married Godfrey Clarke (*ante*, VIII., 23). Isaac Solden remained until 1692.

III., 8.—Among books purchased by Walter Landor [1667-1706], of Rugeley, in early life, were:—"Wits Commonwealth and Lucius Florus from Jonson of Lichfield" 2s. 4d., Virgil, 2s., Baker's historie, 19s., bought when he was nearly 16, and another book bought from Jonson, when he was 20, for 12s." The first purchase must have been made about 1682, at the very beginning of Michael Johnson's business career. Walter Landor was Sheriff of Staffs., 1698-9 (*William Salt Archl. Soc.*, "Staffordshire Collections," 1934, part 2, p. 98).

III., 18.—Mr. Laithwaite tells me that Thomas Bromwell was constable of the Conduit Lands Trust at Lichfield for 1696/7. This shews that "Bromwell" was an accepted form of the name Bromhall. The register of St. Mary's, Lichfield, shews that he married Martha Fisher four years before her sister Sarah married Andrew Johnson:—

1692. May 25. mard. Thomas Bramall and Martha Fisher.

1694. June 15. bapt. Thomas, son of Thomas Broomhall.

This son, Thomas Bromhall, was his only child, the last of the family, who died at Baddiley, in Cheshire, in 1770 (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, pp. 226-7).

III., 26.—The marriage of Sir Corbet Corbet's parents is recorded in *Gent.'s Mag.*, 1752, Feb., p. 92:—

(Feb. 7) Capt. Davenant, of the foot-guards,—to a sister of late Sir Wm Corbett, Bart, 10000l.

III., 37.—My friend, Dr. Powell, sends me the following extract from William Hutton's *Court of Requests*, 1787, p. 381:—

One would think King's Norton fatal to greatness, for tradition tells us, in the last age, the parish could boast of the residence of five "squires," who rolled in five carriages, but now, the inhabitants themselves tell us, they are a parish of paupers.

This no doubt refers to a later period than that which saw Johnson's relatives resident there.

III., 98-9.—The maiden name of William Innys's father's first wife is revealed by his marriage at Bath Abbey Church (*Harl. Soc.*, "Register Section," vol. 27, p. 225):—

1669. Apl. 29. Andrew Innys & Joane Randell.

An Elizabeth Innes had been married there on 5 June 1660 to Benjamin Waters (*ibid.*, 224).

III., 133-4.—A number of Hunter's old pupils entered St. John's College, Cambridge:—John, son of Henry Cavendish, gent., of Doveridge, in 1709 (*Admissions to St. John's College, Cambridge*, Part II., ed. J. E. B. Mayor, p. 195); Richard, son of Talbot Lloyd, of Lichfield, in 1713 (*ibid.*, II., 209); John, son of Michael Brandreth, of Shenstone, in 1714 (*ibid.*, II., 212; see also *ante*, VII., 161); William, son of John Osborne, of Derby, gent., in 1714 (*ibid.*, II., 216); Bowyer, son of Ralph Sneyd, of Staffs., surgeon, in 1719 (*ibid.*, III., ed. R. F. Scott, pp. 21, 329; see also *ante*, III., 129); Theophilus Lowe, in 1725 (*ibid.*, III., 46, 390; see also *ante*, I., 35-6); and William, son of Thomas Remington, of Harlaxton, co. Lincs., steward, in 1733 (*ibid.*, III., 74). This last was really Daniel William Remington, afterwards Vicar of St. Mary's, Lichfield (see *ante*, I., 11, and Venn's *Alumni Cantabrigienses*).

III., 152-3.—In *Gent.'s Mag.* for 1745, p. 276. is the following marriage announcement:—

(May) 29. Sir Wm Stanhope, Knt of the Bath,—to Miss Crawley, daughter of the late Sir Ambrose Crawley.

Lady Stanhope, of course, was the daughter of Sir Ambrose's son, John Crowley. If she was buried at Shelford on 7 Mch. 1745, it must have been 1745/6.

III., 159.—Johnson's altercation with Sampson Lloyd was not in 1766 but 1776.

III., 161, *line 14*.—The “quotes” have been omitted between the words “he” and “used.”

III., 162.—To *The Modern Language Review* for Jan. 1936 (vol. XXXI), pp. 60–65, Dorothy Moody, of New Haven, Conn., U.S.A., contributes a note on “Johnson’s Translation of Addison’s ‘Battle of the Cranes and Pygmies,’” previously unpublished. She attributes it to the period when Johnson was at Stourbridge Grammar School, under the Rev. John Wentworth, as a kind of pupil teacher. “The translation may be assigned to the year 1725 or 1726,” she says. On my chronology it would be 1726.

III., 179. *Line 2 from bottom of text*. For more read less.

III., 180. *First footnote*.—21 Feb. 1726 is 21 Feb. 1726/7.

III., 186 (*index*).—Thomas Brudenell’s dates are 1613–1670; see *ante*, p. 142.

III., 192 (*index*).—The Rev. Philip Hacket’s dates are 1663–1735, without any query.

III., 200 (*index*). Anthony Nicholson’s dates are 1687–1751. See *ante*, p. 15.

IV., 19. *Lines 7 to 9*.—It is only fair here to quote Croker’s footnote on the subject:—“I have satisfied myself on the spot that Michael Johnson’s *encroachment in Sadler Street*, for which he paid two shillings and sixpence a year, and a lease of which was renewed to his son, was most probably a shop bow-window, which jutted out into Sadler Street” (Croker’s *Boswell*, new ed., 1890, p. 214). It was natural for Croker to reason thus, but it is pretty clear he was mistaken.

IV., 36.—Apropos of Thomas Johnson’s long residence in Coventry the following extract from a letter dated 10 Oct. 1906, from the late W. B. Bickley, deserves to be recorded:—

Some years ago the parish clerk of Trinity Church, Coventry (I forget his name) shewed me an old painted portrait which he said was of Dr. Johnson. It certainly appeared very much like him, and looked as though painted about his time. I have often wondered whether it really *was*. There was not much more than the head, which was almost life size. It might possibly have been in the hands of some of the Doctor’s poor relations at Coventry.

Enquiry from the present authorities at the church shews that they know nothing of any such portrait, which presumably was the property of the then clerk.

IV., 51.—Dr. Powell points out an error here: the "845th. Caxton Head Catalogue" was issued in 1922, not 1921.

IV., 69.—Mr. Laithwaite tells me that the Conduit Lands Trust accounts have this entry relating to the rebuilding of the School in 1682 :—

Bricks. pd. Tho: Marklew <i>alias</i> Bellyson for 14 thousand	07-00-00
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At later dates occur these entries :—

1703/4. pd. Symon Marklew for 4 dayes carriage of Rubbish to mend the way to the Bowling Green	01-2-8
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(<i>duplicate entry</i>) pd. Symon Bellison & his man for 4 dayes (<i>etc., as above</i>)	01-2-8
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1710. pd. Tho: Marklew for carrying Rubbish 1 day	00-05-00
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Thomas Marklew of 1682 was brother of Simon Marklew of 1704: the Thomas Marklew of 1710 is not placed in my pedigree.

IV., 92.—Barker and Stenning's *Record of Old Westminster*, I., 174, shews that a Richard Chambers was admitted to the School on 31 January 1787, who might well be our Richard Chambers, born in 1773, who entered Oxford University in 1791.

IV., 110.—Mrs. Sacheverell did not marry again till eleven years after her celebrated husband's death, as is evidenced by a notice in *Gent.'s Mag.*, May, 1735, p. 275 :—

(May 19) Mr. *Chambers*, an Attorney near *Hatton-Garden*, : : to the rich Relict of the late Dr. *Sacheverel*.

IV., 130.—The intention of Alice, widow of William Butt, of The Swan Inn, Stafford, on 4 Apl. 1744, to marry William Brookes, of Orgeave, Staffs., was duly carried out, for in the registers of Castle Church, near Stafford, printed by the *Staffordshire Par. Reg. Soc.*, I find the following entry :—

1744. Apl. 16. mar. William Brooks & Alice Butt.

IV., 130 *et seq.*—*Cary* Butt is the correct spelling.

IV., 135, 143.—The Rev. F. A. Homer sent me a note, in 1924, of the marriage at Chaddesley Corbett, co. Worc., of Samuel Adey, of Dudley,

to Ann Guest, of Sedgley, on 19 Feb. 1704/5, and of Nathaniel Adey, of Dudley, to Elizabeth Gibbs, of Kidderminster, on 16 Apl. 1707. In 1925 he sent me the following extracts from the Walsall registers :—

- 1678. Nov. 10. mard. Nathaniel Adey and Mary Fereday.
- 1679. Oct. 7. bapt. Nathaniel, son of Nathaniel and Mary Adey.
- 1682. May 25. bapt. Samuel, son of Nathaniel and Mary Adey.
- 1683/4. Feb. 17. bapt. Mabel, dau. of Nathaniel and Mary Adey.
- 1688. June 24. mard. Nathaniel Adey and Elizabeth Dunton.
- 1690. Apl. 27. bapt. John, son of Nathaniel Adey.

He also mentioned that Samuel Adey witnessed the will of George Hawe, of Calmore, Walsall, gent., on 8 May 1679.

IV., 143.—Mr. Laithwaite tells me that Thomas Adye was a warden of the Conduit Lands Trust at Lichfield for the years 1690-1 and 1708-9.

IV., 187.—From particulars supplied me by Mr. Laithwaite from the Lichfield Court Leet Records it appears that "The Rt. Hon. the Countess of Huntingdon" was occupying a house in Bore Street in 1703 and 1705. Perhaps this explains why her godson, Theophilus Levett, afterwards came from Acton, in Cheshire, to settle in Lichfield. In 1702 she was living in Tamworth Street (Harwood's *Lichfield*, p. 469).

IV., 197.—It was no doubt the Rev. Benjamin Mence [1724?-96], father-in-law of George Hand, of Lichfield, to whom Mrs. Piozzi says Johnson referred, as follows :—

On Johnson's reference to a man with an inverted understanding : I have a notion it was the Rev. Mr. Mence, of whom I once heard Johnson say to old Burney : " Sir, Mence is a man who should be stuck upon a pole, and a large writing under him to say, ' Do nothing as Mence does it ' " (Hayward's *Autobiography, etc., of Mrs. Piozzi*, II., 128).

It is noteworthy that any descendant in the male line of the Rev. Benjamin Mence was barred from benefit under George Hand's will in 1806 (*ante*, IV., 195).

IV., 239 (*index*).—Mary Robinson, p. 188, should appear as 1st. wife of Matthew Boulton ; see *ante*, p. 109.

V., 13-14.—*Re* Rev. Edmund Bateman, see also Barker and Stenning's *Record of Old Westminster*, I., 60.

V., 56. *Line 8*.—"At this very time" is wrong; he did not vacate his fellowship till 23 Dec. 1730 (see *ante*, V., 128).

V., 88-90.—There are entries in the Leek registers relating to Thomas Bourne, who, after being elected by the Governors of Ashburne Grammar School to the vacant ushership, on 1 Aug. 1732, for some reason did not take office, a successor, Job Sowter, being elected on 25 Sept. 1732, Johnson's application having failed:—

1725. Aug. 28. bapt. Thomas, son of Thomas & Mary Bourn, Schoolmaster.

1730. Nov. 1. burd. Mary, wife of Thomas Bourne, of Leek, Schoolmaster.

1731/2. Feb. 13. mard. Thomas Bourn, Schoolmaster, & Ann Buckley, widow.

1733. Oct. 17. bapt. John, son of Mr. Thomas Bourn, Schoolm^r, & Ann.

1771. June 11. burd. Thomas Bourne, Schoolmaster.

Perhaps the widow who had so recently captured him decided against the move to Ashburne.

V., 90-92.—Charles Claudius Phillips was not the first musician of his name in Staffordshire. In the registers of Newcastle-under-Lyme, printed by the *Staffordshire Par. Reg. Soc.* from their commencement in 1563 to 1705, I was interested to find these entries:—

1672. Dec. 10. bapt. Elizabeth, d. of Jo. Phillipps, musician.

1678. May 28. bapt. John, s. of Jo. Phillipps, musicianer.

1681. Apr. 8. burd. George, s. of Jo. Phillips.

1682. June 13. bapt. Charles (y^e 3rd), s. of Jo. Phillips.

1682/3. Feb. 20. burd. Anne, w. of John Phillipps.

I cannot help wondering whether Charles Phillips born in 1682, son of the musician at Newcastle-under-Lyme, may not have blossomed out into the Charles "Claudius" Phillips, who was "born in Wales," and "made the tour of Europe," but who is only known to us as a wandering fiddler in Staffordshire who died in 1732. The artist in him might well have added a little romance to his origins.

V., 94.—Mr. Attwood thought that Thomas Warren [1728-1814] was buried not at Castle Bromwich, but at St. Philip's, Birmingham.

V., 94.—The *Catalogue of the Birmingham Collection, Supplement 1918-1931*, p. 261, lists a deed at the Free Public Library relating to Thomas Warren:—

372112. Abstract of title of Thomas Warren to premises in Lichfield Street. 8 Jan., 1735—24 June, 1754.

V., 107.—Johnson's translation of Lobo was announced in *Gent.'s Mag.* for Jan. 1735, p. 56, among the publications of the month, under the heading of "History and Lives":—

(item) 49. A Voyage to Abyssinia by Father Jerome Lobo, a Portuguese Jesuit. Containing an Account of the History, Laws, Customs, Religion, Habits and Buildings of the Abyssins. A Relation of the Admission and Expulsion of the Jesuits. An exact Description of the Nile. Translated from the French by Mr Legrand. Printed for A. Bettesworth, Price 5s.

This is earlier than the notice in *The Literary Magazine* for March 1735.

V., 121 (*and index*, p. 307). Somersall Herbert, not Somershall Herbert.

V., 146.—As I mentioned in a letter which appeared in *The Times Literary Supplement* for 29 Nov. 1928, p. 938, Mr. J. B. Whitmore was able to inform me that Oliver Edwards was admitted a Sworn Clerk, to one of the Six Clerks, on 10 Mch. 1736/7, and surrendered his office on or before 4 Feb. 1763. His exact connexion with the Six Clerks' Office is therefore now clear. He entered it just about seven years after leaving Pembroke College, and left it fifteen years before the historic meeting with Johnson in 1778, when they renewed the memories of nearly half-a-century before.

V., 176. *Line 15*.—"Expecially"!

V., 199.—John Moseley's butt at Pembroke College, James Pinnock, "the son of an old blackmore bitch, born under a hedge, begat in a pigsty, & bred up in a charity school in London," it appears was admitted to Westminster School, aged 11, in Aug. 1724, being still on the list in 1729. His brother, Philip, born in 1720, became Chief Justice of Jamaica in 1754 (Barker and Stenning's *Record of Old Westminsters*, II., 747).

V., 203-4.—Jonathan Raymond was admitted to Westminster School in Aug. 1716, aged 11 (*ibid.*, II., 776).

V., 205.—The sermon mentioned by Hearne is listed in *Gent.'s Mag.* for June 1732, in the register of books published that month (p. 12 of register, between pp. 830 and 831):—

(item) 34. The Doctrine of God's Justice and Mercy in visiting Sins, and conferring Blessings on a Nation, explained. A Sermon preached before the Corporation of the City of *Oxford*, May 29. By *Tipping Silvester*, M.A. Printed for the Widow *Fletcher*. Price 6d.

V., 208.—Peter Daniel Tapin entered Westminster School in Sept. 1718. See Barker and Stenning's *Record of Old Westminsters*, II., 902.

V., 229.—Dr. Powell tells me that Lord Auchinleck's copy of *Anacreon*, dated 1695, is now in the National Library of Scotland.

V., 234.—Mr. A. W. Read sends me a note of the will of Thomas Thirlby, Vicar of St. Margaret's, Leicester, dated 7 Feb. 1701/2, and proved at Leicester in 1702 (date not given). He mentions his wife Mary, his children, Styan, Thomas, Katherine and Anne, all under 21 : Henry Tate, esq., and John Muxloe, clerk, to be guardians and trustees. The will of Katherine Thirlby, of Leicester, spinster, dated 23 June 1722 and proved 23 July 1722 at Leicester, refers to her mother Mary, extrix., her brother Styan, and her grandparents Styan.

V., 241.—The following marriage licence was issued by the Vicar-General of the Archbishop of Canterbury (*Harl. Soc.*, vol. 31, p. 101):—

1689. April 13. Harvey Broughton, Rector of Muceleston, co. Staff., & Frances Offley, of St. Mary's, Lichfield, Wid.; alleged by Thos. Rock, of Drs. Comm., Lond., Gent.; at Muceleston afsd.

She was evidently the Frances Lane who had married Thomas Offley, and whose five sons were boarders in Lichfield in 1695. Harvey Broughton, son of Sir Brian Broughton, the 1st. bart., was Rector of Muckleston from 1682 till his death in 1721 : he became a Canon of Lichfield (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses* ; Burke's *Peerage*).

V., 243.—Barker and Stenning's *Record of Old Westminsters*, II., 997, says that Sir David Williams, the 6th. bart., married Rebecca, daughter of Dr. Thomas Harding Rowland, of Aylesbury, on 19 Aug. 1762, and died on 9 Dec. 1792. This does not support my statement that Sir Richard Aston married Rebecca, daughter of Dr. Rowland, and widow of the said Sir David Williams, on 24 May 1758 ; indeed, the two statements are quite irreconcilable. There is the evidence of the notice I utilised from the *Gent.'s Mag.* of 1758 that the marriage of "Rich. Aston of the Middle Temple, Esq;—to the widow of

Sir D. Williams, Bart.”, did take place in that year; and the account of Sir Richard Aston in the *Dict. Nat. Biog.* supports it. G.E.C.’s *Complete Baronetage* (II., 225-6) shows that David Williams [1726-92] was the son of Gilbert Williams [1693 ?-1768], who assumed the title of baronet granted to a kinsman in 1644—a title which had lapsed for some years and to which he does not seem to have been entitled. David would have been the 9th. bart. if his father’s assumption had been valid. G.E.C. shews David as married on 19 Aug. 1762, at Aylesbury, to Rebecca, daughter of Thomas Harding Rowland, of Aylesbury, by Martha his wife, sister and coheir of George Rowland, of Aylesbury. Rebecca died 3 Jan. 1819: her son, another David Williams [1765-98], also assumed the title, but left no relative to continue the claim. Rebecca Rowland, who married Sir David Williams in 1762, can hardly have been his widow in 1758, especially as Sir David did not die till 1692, and his widow till 1819. There was another Sir David Williams, 3rd. bart. of a 1674 creation, who died in 1740, leaving issue by his wife Susanna, whom he had married in or before 1725, daughter and eventually coheir of Thomas Witherstone, of the Lodge, in Burghill, co. Hereford. She was re-married to the Rev. Thomas Johnson, Rector of Merthyr Tydvil, and died in 1775 (G.E.C.’s *Complete Baronetage*, IV., 67). I must leave the mystery for others to solve. If Sir Richard Aston did marry a Lady Williams, she has not yet been identified.

V., 245-6.—From Barker and Stenning’s *Record of Old Westminster*, I., 31, we learn that Henry Hervey was admitted to the School on 27 Jan. 1711/12, and was a King’s Scholar (Capt.) in 1716; that he was gazetted a Cornet in the 11th. Dragoons on 25 Mch. 1724, a Captain in the 11th Foot on 13 May 1735 and in the 1st. Dragoon Guards on 21 Dec. 1738, retiring from the army on 8 July 1742; that he assumed the additional name of Aston by private Act of Parliament (17 Geo. II. c. xxii); and that the date of his marriage to Catherine Aston was 2 Mch. 1730.

V., 251.—Lady Charnwood’s authority for her statement about Stowe House and Stowe Hill was evidently a letter from Richard Greene, in *Gent.’s Mag.*, 1785, July, pp. 495-7, where he describes a Lichfield view sent to the same periodical, in June 1785 (p. 412), by the

Rev. Mr. White (Thomas White, Prebendary of Lichfield from 1747, and son-in-law of John Hunter : see *ante*, VII., 177) :—

On the summit of the hill, beyond the great willow tree, appears an handsome dwelling-house, erected about the year 1754, by Mrs. Elizabeth Aston, daughter of the late Sir Thomas Aston More to the right hand stands a neat modern building, erected by the late Rev. Mr. Hinton, canon of Windsor. He lies buried in St. Chadd's church, near the West end of the South aisle. The House is now occupied by the relict of the late Rev. Mr. Gastrel, sister to Mrs. Elizabeth Aston.

The first house is unmistakably Stowe Hill, and the second Stowe House.

V., 256.—From the Rev. W. K. Riland Bedford's *Three Hundred Years of a Family Living*, 1889, pp. 32, 38 and 91, I learn that a Rev. Thomas Bagnall, no doubt identical with Charlotte's father, was curate to the Rev. Richard Riland [1695–1757], Rector of Sutton Coldfield, in 1755 and 1757, and later was a correspondent of the Rector's son, the Rev. Richard Bisse Riland [1732–90] : “a letter of critical divinity” from him was dated 29 Oct. 1770.

V., 270 (*footnote*).—“Connexions” ! The hideously intruding letter was inserted immediately before going to press.

V., 304 (*index*). James Riddoch, not Riddock.

V., 313 (*index*).—Under Rev. George Whitefield the reference on p. 37 has been omitted.

VI., 22.—Mr. F. Williamson, the Public Librarian of Derby, points out to me that “Alveston,” in the last footnote, should be Alvaston (*index* to be corrected accordingly) ; and that the Osmaston referred to is the Osmaston by Derby, not Osmaston by Ashburne. Also that Lockett was Vicar of St. Michael's, and of St. Werburgh's, Derby, two separate parishes : my note has telescoped them into one.

VI., 25, *line 19*.—For sixteen miles, read twenty-five miles.

VI., 38.—Mr. Laithwaite is mathematics master, not science master, at Lichfield.

VI., 58.—If Dr. Swynfen importuned Johnson, before he left Lichfield, to publish *Irene* locally, it must have been some time before, for

Swynfen died in May 1736, whereas Johnson did not leave for London till the following March.

VI., 63.—I find that I have these further Garrick entries from the registers of Lichfield Cathedral :—

- 1710. June 29. bapt. Peter, son of Mr. Garrick.
- 1715. May 16. bapt. Magdalen, daughter of Mr. Garrick.
- 1718. Apl. 6. bapt. Jane, Daughter of Peter Garrick.
- 1719. Oct. 20. bapt. Daniel, son of Mr. Garrick.
- 1720. Mch. 21. bapt. William, son of Peter Garrick.
- 1724. Jan. 4. bapt. Mirial, daughter of Peter Garrick.
- 1726. Aug. 17. bapt. Anna Maria, daur. of Capt. Garrick.
- 1727. May 13. burd. Arabella Garrick.
- 1745. Dec. 15. burd. Mrs. Jane Garrick, spinster.

And one from St. Michael's, Lichfield :—

- 1730. June 14. burd. Anna Marie, daughter of Mr. Garrick.

VI., 70, *footnote 2*.—As the William Abnett who married Elizabeth Ford, and whose daughter Catherine married William Robins, was of Handsworth (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, p. 130), he cannot have been the William Abnett who was Mayor of Stafford in 1706 and 1720, who no doubt was the William Abnett, of Stafford, who married Elizabeth Staunton and died 1727–8 (*ibid.*, 131).

VI., 142.—Mr. William Bennett sends me this entry from the burial register of Bickenhill :—"Fettiplace Nott, Serj. of Law, April 26, 1726."

VI., 148.—Mr. Frederick T. Wood (see *post*, p. 221) tells me that he has not found any mention of Mrs. Emmet, but that in the *Eccentricities of John Edwin*, 1791, vol. I., p. 50, is an allusion to "the late Mr. Jacob Hemmet," a comedian patronised by Colley Cibber. This is a clue worth following.

VI., 149, *line 2*.—The name of the player was Simon *Keys*, not *Heys*. Index to be corrected accordingly.

VI., 167, 193.—In Burke's *Colonial Gentry*, II., 442, is a pedigree commencing with the Rev. John Kennedy, Rector of Bradley, and Catherine his wife. It is said there that they had three sons and

two daughters, the eldest son being the "Rev. John Kennedy, for 30 years rector of Teston and Nettlestead, co. Kent, from 1789 to 1819, (who) was baptised 28th February, 1738, and was buried at Teston, 2nd November, 1819, having had issue" (who are enumerated). No particulars of his wife are given. His family settled in Australia, where their descendants remain.

VI., 184.—Perhaps the following marriage licence (*Harl. Soc.*, vol. 26, p. 243) suggests a clue for the origin of Charles Chauncy, founder of the Ashburne family, who married in 1682 :—

1639. June 27. George Chauncy, Gent., of Sabridgeworth, Herts., Bachr., 23, son of George Chauncy the elder, of same, Gent., & Elizabeth Blunt, of St. Bride's, London, Spinster, 20, dau. of Charles Blunt, late of Eggington, co. Derby, Gent., decd., & her mother also ; at St. Faith the Virgin.

I have referred to a number of Chauncy pedigrees without being able to identify the bridegroom. Indeed in only one could I find any George Chauncy, that one, in *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, 2 Ser., I., 21-30, being much the most detailed. George Chauncy, of Gedelston, or Gilston, Herts., who died in 1625, and whose family had been settled at Sawbridgeworth, only three or four miles away, had a son George, bapt. 22 Dec. 1584 at Ardeley, whose history is not traced. Perhaps this younger George was the bridegroom's father. And as the founder of the Ashburne family was Charles Chauncy, it may be mentioned that George of 1584 was elder brother to Charles Chauncy [1592-1672], President of Harvard College. The dates allow of Charles Chauncy of Ashburne being a son of George Chauncy and Elizabeth Blunt, but there is no evidence of it, beyond the rarity of the name and the common connexion with the county of Derbyshire, where the family is not native.

VI., 187.—*Second par., line 2.*—For "father," read "grandfather."

VI., 190.—Mr. Frederick T. Wood, of the University of Sheffield, who has reviewed several Parts of these *Gleanings* from the scholar's angle, tells me he has devoted a good deal of enquiry to the provincial drama. He says that George Parker, in his *View of Society and Manners in High and Low Life*, tells how he joined an itinerant company of actors under Stanton, at Loughborough, about 1770 ; and also that Samuel William Ryley [1759-1837], in *The Itinerant, or Memoirs of an Actor*,

speaks of a Stanton as playing in Austen and Whillock's company at Chester in 1782. Regarding Joseph Penn, player, whose child was baptized at Lichfield in 1776, I find that Mr. Broadbent provides proof of my suggestion that he was in Stanton's company, at any rate in 1778, when "Mr. Penn, from the Royal, Bath, was engaged by Stanton to play the principal characters in tragedy," and was held fast through Stanton having advanced him £20 (*The Stage*, 15 Sept. 1932, p. 17).

VI., 197 (*index*).—Ralph J. Broadbent died in 1934.

VI., 199 (*index*).—Insert, "Clarke, Anne [oc. 1738], *née* Pole, wife of Godfrey C., 108"; and on p. 217 insert, "Pole, Anne, m. 1738 Godfrey Clarke, 108." These omissions were due to the two index slips being accidentally trapped in a copy of the *Landed Gentry*, where they were subsequently found.

VI., 220 (*index*).—Under Shenstone, Staffs., read "see under Sanders, Henry"—not *Saunders*.

VII., 44.—Mr. A. W. Read sends me the following abstract from the Leicester Probate Office :—

ANN TATAM, of Lutterworth, co. Leic., widow, without issue or parent. Admon. granted 12 Mch. 1799 to *Richard Jervis*, bror. and only next-of-kin, of Lutterworth, gent. Bond, £600. Sureties, with said *Richard Jervis*, *Thomas Coaton*, of same, yeoman, and *Charles Coaton*, of same, tailor. Wits., *Richd. Wilson* and *Susanna Burdett*.

This was Anne Jervis, bapt. 3 Sept. 1745 at Lutterworth. It fixes her name as Tatam, rather than Tattom, as I printed it, but still leaves a doubt as to whether her husband was Richard.

VII., 52.—Anne, daughter of Sir Sampson Darell and granddaughter of Christopher Hampden, was still alive unmarried on 27 July 1647 (*Ancestor*, II., 208).

VII., 54.—In *The Topographer and Genealogist*, ed. J. G. Nichols, vol. I., 1846, pp. 397–411, is printed "The Posterity of Mary Honeywood, at her death in 1620," being a contemporary account of the remarkable old lady, with a schedule of the 367 descendants living at her death. She was born in 1527, and married Robert Honeywood in Feb. 1543, at the age of 16. A copy is given (p. 410) of the inscription to her

memory at Markshall. On p. 402 appears her daughter Dorothy, who married Henry Thomson and had a son Robert Thomson, great-grandfather of Johnson's beloved "Tetty." I was interested to notice, in a printed pedigree sent me by Archdeacon Burne, that his ancestor, Christopher Higgins, who was at school with Johnson at Lichfield (*ante*, VIII., 111), married in 1730 Mary Blower, whose descent is there also traced from the same fertile marriage of Robert Honeywood and Mary Atwater, and who, therefore, was a remote cousin to "Tetty."

VII., 65.—Mr. W. F. Carter calls my attention to the fact that George "Fanthom," of Birmingham, mercer, appraiser of the goods of Dorothy Allen in 1669, was really George Fentham, mercer, who was nominated an overseer of the will of William Brierley, of Birmingham, mercer, in 1673 ("Records of King Edward's School, Birmingham," ed. W. F. Carter and E. A. B. Barnard, *Dugdale Soc.*, vol. XII., 1933, p. 125).

VII., 86.—The following Chancery Suit came too late for inclusion in its proper place on this page :—

PORTER *v.* HAWGOOD

27 Jan. 1698/9. Complaint by *Henry Porter*, of St. Andrew, Holborn, London, that his father, *Samuel Porter*, of Birmingham, co. Warw., dealing very considerably in sword blades for the army, became indebted for several considerable sums of money, and complainant became bound with him for the payment of the same, and, to compensate him, the said *Samuel*, in Sept. 1694, by his deed authorised complainant to receive all debts due to him, the said *Samuel*, in London and Westminster, among which were considerable sums due from *Thomas Hawgood*, *John Hawgood* and *Roger Hockley*, sword cutlers, and *Edward Hall*—continues *re* debts, no more genealogical facts (Chanc. Proc. before 1714, Whittington, 443/66).

VII., 110.—Mr. William Bennett sends me some items relating to Harry Porter which he noticed while examining the Birmingham Town Book, round about 1723. In September 1724 Harry Porter and 33 others witnessed the churchwardens' accounts in regard to levies. On 27 Sept. 1726 Harry Porter and 25 others signed the Book in regard to the purchase of new fire engines and the repair of the Welch Cross clock. In the same year he signed the constables' accounts. On

18 Nov. 1727 Harry Porter and 12 others passed and signed the accounts of the Supervisors of the Highway. On 8 Dec. 1727 Harry Porter and others signed an entry "about the paving regulations." And in 1733 Harry Porter and 19 others signed an item in connexion with Fentham's Charity.

VII., 122.—Elizabeth Wagstaffe, who married William Colmore at Warwick in 1623, was no doubt closely related to the following Timothy Wagstaffe (for she christened a son Timothy in 1629), son of Thomas Wagstaffe, of Warwick (*Harl. Soc.*, vol. 25, "Marr. Lic. Bp. of London," p. 293):—

1604-5. Jan. 2. Timothy Wagstaffe, Gent., of Middle Temple, Bachr., 27, & Elizabeth Fuller, Maiden, 20, dau. of Mr. Nicholas Fuller, Esq., of Christ Church, London, who consents; consent also of Mr. Thomas Wagstaffe, of town of Warwick, Gent., father of said Timothy; at Highgate Chapel.

He took his B.A. from Oriel College, Oxford, on 13 Feb. 1595/6, and was called to the bar at the Middle Temple in 1605, as son and heir of Thomas Wagstaff, of Harbury, co. Warwick. His son Timothy matriculated 20 Feb. 1634/5, aged 18, from Trinity College, Oxford, as son of Timothy W., of the town of Warwick, esq., and entered the Middle Temple as a student in 1632 (*Foster's Alumni Oxonienses*).

VII., 137, 138.—As Mr. W. F. Carter points out to me, Josiah Eborall, of Coventry, whose will was proved 14 Apl. 1738 (p. 129), was obviously the son of Samuel Eborall, of London, linendraper, and Joan Snell his wife, for she, in her will of 11 June 1719, leaves to her son Josiah the Pump Close, and Allen's Garden, at Coventry (p. 128); while the said Josiah Eborall, of Coventry, mentions the same two properties in his will.

VII., 184 (*index*).—W. B. Bickley's dates were 1848-1929.

VII., 195 (*index*).—Bergen (not Berger) Evans.

VIII., 11.—The *Supplementary Volume to the Record of Old Westminster*, ed. J. B. Whitmore and G. R. Y. Radcliffe, 1938, p. 110, gives the military record of David Patton, who was admitted to the School in 1732 and left in 1736, as follows:—2nd. Lieut. 2nd. Marines Feb. 2, 1739/40; 1st Lieut. May 12, 1741; Capt. Montagu's Ordnance 1745; half-pay; 36th. Foot July 17, 1747; half-pay; living 1765.

VIII., 11.—Among the “Promotions” listed in *Gent.’s Mag.*, 1731, p. 310, occurs the following :—

(July) 14. *David Patten*, Esq; appointed High-Bailiff of *Westminster*, in the Room of *William Morris*, Esq; who resign’d.

VIII., 19.—In *The Turton Family*, by the Rev. C. S. James (reprinted from the *Transactions of the Birmingham Archl. Soc.*, vol. L., 1924), 1927, p. 30, we learn that Dr. Robert James was baptized on 23 Aug. 1703, at Shenstone, so that the date given for his birth in the *Dict. Nat. Biog.*, 1705, is considerably out. And he was thus full six years older than Johnson, his schoolfellow (see *ante*, III., 124). Mr. James says that he was first cousin once removed to Gorway Wolrich, of Walsall, who married Mary Turton in 1684, and who was son of an earlier Gorway Wolrich by Dorothy his wife, daughter of Edward James, of Kinvaston (*William Salt Archl. Soc.*, “Staffordshire Collections,” vol. 5 (part 2), p. 322). If this be so, the last named Edward James must have been grandfather to the Edward James who fathered Robert, but Mr. James did not give the intervening link.

VIII., 24.—Among those playing a part in the “Philological Performances,” at the “Publick Act,” at Oxford, in July 1733, was “*Godfrey Clarke*, of New College, Gentleman-Commoner. *On the Orrery*. In Heroic Verse.” (*Gent.’s Mag.*, 1733, pp. 377, 383). He was a Governor of Appleby School when Johnson applied in 1739 for the headmastership, and the father of Gibbon’s friend, Godfrey Bagnall Clarke. Others taking part included “*Thomas Smallbrook*, of Trinity Coll. Son of the Bp of *Coventry* and *Litchfield*. ASHMOLE’S MUSÆUM. In Heroic Verse.” He was brother to Catherine Smalbroke, who married the Rev. William Vyse (*ante*, III., 35).

VIII., 24-5.—I learn from the account of Samuel Pegge [1733-1800], in the *Dict. Nat. Biog.*, that he wrote an elegy on Godfrey Bagnall Clarke, M.P., who died 26 Dec. 1774. This was the younger Samuel Pegge, whom I therefore now identify with the writer of the note on the same Godfrey’s brother Gilbert, who died in 1786.

VIII., 36.—Miss Garbett kindly sends me an item she noticed in going through a document under her care at the Salt Library, an Assessment for a Land Tax for Lichfield in 1717, under Sadler Street :—

Mr. Michael Johnson's Stock & house & the house
Joseph Northwood lives in

Personal estate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	s.
								4
								s. d.
Land charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15-4½

Miss Garbett tells me that this document belonged to Richard Wright, the surgeon (*ante*, VIII., 150), in 1799.

VIII., 75.—Dr. Chapman tells me that the note by Dr. Johnson which I quote from Frank Woore's catalogue is now in the possession of Mr. Roy Coventry. His interpretation of it from a photograph agrees with it as printed, except for the surname, which Woore read as "[? F]urber" instead of Barber. Dr. Chapman says that the first two letters are smudged, which accounts for the mis-reading.

VIII., 107, 150.—Rupert Simms, in his *Bibliotheca Staffordiensis*, 1894, gives this Thomas Fernyhough, who was a Captain in the Staffordshire Militia, and a Knight of Windsor, but without the dates of his birth or death. He lists a number of his historical and genealogical collections relating to Staffordshire as preserved in the William Salt Library at Stafford, and one interesting item whose whereabouts he evidently had not traced :—

Relics of Dr. Johnson. Consisting of MSS. Letters, &c., arranged in Six Imp. fol. Volumes, with upwards of 1,300 portraits and engravings. *Sold in London, 1815-20.*

These six volumes are still unknown at the William Salt Library, and it would be interesting to know who now possesses them. Perhaps they were, or included, the MSS. from Richard Greene's collection, which his grandson, Dr. Richard Wright, was willing to sell to Thomas Fernyhough in 1815.

VIII., 117-18.—A brother of Richard Rider the younger, and so a son of Richard Rider the elder, was the Rev. Henry Rider [1686 ?-1755], Archdeacon of Derby, and Canon of Lichfield and Lincoln, whose son, Edmund Rider [b. *circa* 1730], was Rector of Lutton with Washingley, Northants. (Venn's *Alumni Cantabrigienses*; Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*; and Harwood's *Lichfield*, p. 214). Richard Rider the younger (see *ante*, III., 180) had a son and heir, Marshall Rider, born about 1722, a barrister, who was of Barton under Needwood in 1763, when he acted as trustee for the marriage settlement of Charles Simpson

and Mary Cheney ; as well as a son Richard, born about 1724, who possibly became a Chaplain to the East India Company. The Rev. Theophilus Rider, of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, born about 1693, Prebendary of Lichfield from 1726 to 1731, no doubt belonged to the same family (Venn's *Alumni Cantabrigienses*, and *ante*, IV., 167).

VIII., 117-18.—Henry Wood *alias* Webb, Register of the Episcopal Court of Lichfield, died 13 Jan. 1709/10. See R. E. Chester Waters's *Genealogical Memoirs of the Family of Chester of Chicheley*, 1878, p. 517, where he is entered as Henry Webb *alias* Wood. He was a son of Anthony Webb, of London, by Elizabeth his wife, sister and coheir of Sir Henry Wood, bart., and testamentary heir of Thomas Wood [1607-92], Bishop of Lichfield (*ibid.*, p. 472).

VIII., 136.—Betsey, wife of John Barker Scott, Esq., Banker, aged 32, was buried at St. Chad's, Lichfield, on 6 Aug. 1806 ; and Mary Ann, daughter of John Barker Scott, Esq., on 17 Jan. 1807.

VIII., 156.—" Mr. John Wright " was buried at St. Chad's, Lichfield, on 30 Jan. 1794—the eldest son of William Wright and Mary Greene.

VIII., 174.—From Shaw's *Staffordshire*, I., 224, we learn that Francis Cobb purchased Lysways Hall, near Lichfield, from Edward Arblaster, in 1769, and that it was his " occasional residence." My own great-uncle by marriage, William Parker, was renting Lysways Hall in 1844, when my father's cousin, Dinah Mulock, then a girl of eighteen, visited him there (*The Mellards and Their Descendants*, 1915, pp. 19-20, 67-8).

VIII., 200 (*index*).—For " Jeffreys, — [oc. 1779], 12," substitute " Jeffreys, Elizabeth [b. 1727], *née* Darell, wife of Rev. John J. [1718-98], M.A., D.D., Preb. St. Paul's, 12." See *ante*, p. 134.

VIII., 200 (*index*).—Rev. Thomas Jesson born 1878, not 1678.

VIII., 204 (*index*).—Dr. David Mason Little born 1896, not 1886.

VIII., 209 (*index*).—Under " Powell, Lawrence Fitzroy," add " and see under Boswell, James."

VIII., 215 (*index*).—Leonard Whibley, born 1863.

VIII., 216 (*index*).—For " Wray, — [oc. 1779], 12," substitute " Wray, Mary [1725-1803], *née* Darell, wife of Daniel W. [1701-83], M.A., F.S.A., F.R.S., 12." See *ante*, p. 134.

A few Final Notes to this Part

P. 29. Writing to Dr. Taylor on 3 Sept. 1763 Johnson thus rebuked him (*Letters of Samuel Johnson*, ed. Birkbeck Hill, I., 106-7):—

I could hardly believe you myself when I heard that a wrong letter had been sent to Woodcock by your servant who made the packet. You are the first man who, being able to read and write, had packets of domestick quarrels made by a servant. Idleness in such degree, must end in slavery, and I think you may less disgracefully be governed by your Lady than by Mr. Hint [?]. It is a maxim that no man ever was enslaved by influence while he was fit to be free.

Dr. Chapman confirms my suspicion that the reference is really to Mr. *Flint*, who is thus shewn to have been in Taylor's employ three years at least before marrying Mrs. Collier.

Mr. Woodcock, whose advice Taylor was seeking in his domestic troubles, was unknown to Johnson (*ibid.*, I., 103-7), and has not been identified. Perhaps he was "Elborough Woodcock, esq. of Lincoln's-inn, register of the affidavits in the Court of Chancery, and secretary of bankrupts," who died on 11 Nov. 1794, "at his house in Bloomsbury-square, of an apoplectic disorder, contracted by close application to business" (*Gent.'s Mag.*, 1794, p. 1062).

Pp. 90-92. In my note on the Pargiters I overlooked a pedigree of the family recorded at the Staffordshire Visitation in 1663 (*William Salt Archl. Soc.*, "Staffordshire Collections," vol. V., part 2, p. 228, and *Harleian Soc.*, vol. 63, pp. 180-81), from which it appears that Robert Pargiter, born about 1583, came to Mavesyn Ridware from Kings Sutton, Northants. His eldest son, born about 1612, was the William Pargiter of the Chancery suits, who by Anne his wife, daughter of Gerard Stanley, had an eldest son, Philip Pargiter, of the Inner Temple, born about 1637, as well as two younger sons, William and Henry. There is nothing to suggest connexion with the Walmesleys.

P. 93. Mr. Arthur Westwood, the Assay Master of Birmingham, tells me that among the Boulton MSS. in his keeping is a receipted account, dated Jan. 1752, from Richard Bailye of Lichfield, against Matthew Boulton, for a few books supplied, total 12^s/10, and another, dated 26 Sept. 1758, for a number of standard works, total £6-7-0, including "Johnson, 0-10-0." They shew that Richard Bailye [1718-1800] continued the bookselling business established by his grandfather,

William Bailye (1655 ?-1715). See *ante*, IV., 179-81. There is also an account from William Bailye [d. 1785], the apothecary, eldest brother of Richard, for medicines, etc., supplied to Boulton's mother-in-law, Mrs. Luke Robinson, during the last years of her life, 1757-60 (*ante*, p. 109).

Pp. 96-7. *The Staffordshire Weekly Sentinel* for 24 Sept. 1938 records a visit of the North Staffordshire Field Club to Swynnerton, on the previous Saturday, when the Rector, the Rev. J. B. Frith,

told interesting stories of bygone Rectors, throwing a remarkable sidelight on the old system of patronage, as, for instance, of the eighteenth century Lichfield draper named Robinson, who had four sons and in order to provide for their future thought he would invest his money in rectories. His son William was made Rector of Swynnerton, and of Stoke, his brother Jeremiah serving at Stoke. After a time they changed over, but Jeremiah found Swynnerton dull and threw himself into the marlhole. William then returned to Swynnerton and he, in turn, threw himself into the marlhole. Later the living was sold for £13,000 to a man who intended to become Rector himself later, but who was not at the time ordained. He therefore, put in as Rector an old gentleman of 78, but he lived for 12 more years.

This cheerful story invites further inquiry, but I must content myself with the quotation.

P. 122. Mr. Frederick C. Wellstood, the Librarian of Shakespeare's Birthplace, tells me he cannot identify "the Rev. Mr. Harbage," who was struck in Stratford church by Sir Hugh Clopton [1671-1751]. The incident must have occurred after 1733, when Clopton was knighted. There was no vicar of that name at Stratford, and no curate so far as is known. A Thomas, son of John Harbidge, of Toddenham, co. Glouc. (12 miles only from Stratford), matriculated from Christ Church, Oxford, on 12 Mch. 1717/18, aged 18, and took his B.A. from University College in 1721 (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*).

P. 143. At this reference I overlooked the Brudenell pedigree recorded at the Staffordshire Visitation in 1664 (*William Salt Archl. Soc.*, "Staffordshire Collections," vol. V., part 2, pp. 63-4), where Thomas Brudenell's second wife (who afterwards married John Pyott) is shewn as "Frances, da. to Edward Barkham of co. Norff., Esq." This confirms my suggestion that her father was Edward Barkham, of Southacre, co. Norfolk, created a baronet in 1623.

P. 173. Edward Grenville, of Foscote, married Audrey, dau. of John Duncumbe, of East Claydon : their daughter Frances married Philip Rashleigh (Lipscomb's *Bucks.*, I., 164, 600).

To *The Times* for 25 Nov. 1938 Dr. Powell contributed an article in which he identified Johnson as the real author of the sermon preached by the Rev. and Hon. Henry Hervey Aston, on Thursday, 2 May 1745, in St. Paul's Cathedral, at the annual Festival of the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy (see *ante*, V., 245-6).

Mr. Cregoe Nicholson kindly sends me the following extract from *The London Evening-Post*, from Saturday July 14 to Tuesday July 17, 1753 :—

On Saturday died at Hammersmith, of a lingering Illness, Christopher Lowe, Esq; one of the Clerks of the Treasury.

And this from *Read's Weekly Journal, or British-Gazeteer*, for Saturday, 21 July 1753 :—

On Saturday died at Hammersmith of lingering Illness, Christopher Lowe, Esq; one of the Clerks of the Treasury.

These extracts repeat the error of *The Gentleman's Magazine*, which wrongly announced his death in this same July (*ante*, VIII., 176-7). *Read's Weekly Journal* for 26 Jan. 1754 has the correct announcement :—

On Monday Night died at his House at Hammersmith, Christopher Lowe, Esq;

Mr. Nicholson suggests that the premature announcement was due to confusion with "Mr. Thomas Lowe, an eminent Druggist near Aldgate" (or, "an ingenious Chemist of considerable Business"), who died at his house in Leadenhall Street, as announced a little later in the same papers, in July 1753.

While reading some of Dr. Powell's proof-sheets my eye was struck by a quotation from the *Boswell Papers* (VIII., 39) under date of 1 July 1769:—

I walked out early and met the 6 Regt. of foot and marched with my Cousin, Capt. Maxwell of Dalswinton, a Captain in it, from about half a mile west from town, through the city [Edinburgh], and till the Regt. was fairly out at the Water gat. Captain Maxwell returned to town, and he and his brother Hugh and Grange dined with us.

On 3 August, 1781, he records (*ibid.*, XV., 16):—

One of these days my Wife and I paid a visit at Mr. Hugh Maxwell's, where I had not been for several years. I know not why. His Mother was now with him, and had called on us.

Now Captain Maxwell was William [1728–96], eldest son of Hugh Maxwell of Dalswinton, and sister of the Helen Maxwell who became the second wife of Benjamin Roebuck (see *ante*, pp. 21–2). It is rather an extraordinary genealogical coincidence that the Sheffield merchant who for his first wife took an early friend of Johnson's should for his second have chosen a "cousin" of Boswell's, especially when we consider the tremendous gulf, social as well as geographical, that separated Elizabeth Cambden, daughter of the Birmingham innkeeper, from Helen Maxwell, daughter of the Scottish laird. Mr. Cameron Smith, who has again helped me here, does not know the nature of the "cousinship" between Boswell and the Maxwells, and it was probably distant. The *Boswell Papers* provide evidence that Boswell was friendly with the celebrated John Roebuck, brother to Benjamin, during 1774–82 (IX., 173, 175; XV., 137); that he was breakfasting at Dalswinton as early as May 1767 (VII., 130); and that when at Dumfries on 24 September 1787 he was visited by Hugh Maxwell and his family (XVII., 46).

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